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PREFACE.

THE brevity and terseness of this little book, combined with its exhaustive fulness, may serve to win for it a place of practical usefulness, notwithstanding the hurry and excitement which crowd against the spirit of faith and genuine devotion. The aim in its preparation has been to furnish the expressions and elements of a living Christianity in the simplest and most concentrated utterances, along with the marrow-passages of that Divine Word on which true faith ever leans and feeds. Platitudes and needless extensions have been rigidly eschewed; and while all states and relations are duly provided for, nothing but the pure gold is given.

May God bless the production to the spiritual profit of many; and to His Holy Spirit be the praise for ever.

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PART FIRST.

The Holy Christian Faith.

The great thing in true Religion is the Faith—the Creed—the facts and doctrines on which the soul rests for peace and salvation. There can be no right Religion without a right Faith.

"*Without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*"—HEB. 11 : 6.

It is the nature of saving faith to receive and rest on certain truths and revelations which God has made known to us in His Word; and having learned and embraced those truths, to make confession of the same. It is on such personal apprehension and confession of these truths that the Church is formed and marked, and that we show ourselves to be of the family and household of faith.

Jesus demanded of His disciples to say whom they understood and took Him to be. "*Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*" —MATT. 16 : 16–18. *It was by this faith and confession that Peter became the first-laid rock in the edifice of the Church, and it is by the belief and confession of the same that all Christians since came to be Christians, and to be a part of the mystic edifice of Christ's Church. It is by believing and confessing with the Church thus be-*

lieving and confessing, that we come to be of the Church; and failing thus to believe and confess with the believing and confessing Church, we cannot be of the Church, and have no part in the covenant and promises which God makes to the Church, which is the congregation of them that believe.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."—ROM. 10: 8-10.

The Belief, Creed, or Confession of the Church, is what the Church in her faithful searchings of God's infallible Word has found there, and what she sets forth as the divine truths on which she rests, and has ever rested, for salvation. It is therefore as old as Christianity itself, and inseparable from salvation. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."—2 JOHN 10, 11.

Hence it is of the greatest moment to one desiring to be a genuine Christian to have special regard to the Faith believed and confessed by the believing and confessing Church as her learning of God's Word. Accordingly, the Apostle Paul admonishes Timothy to "Hold fast the form of sound words, which he had heard, in faith and love."—2 TIM. 1:13. *And Jude also exhorts that we "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."*—JUDE 3.

From the beginning, the Church has carefully set forth and guarded her faith, as taught by Christ and His inspired Prophets and Apostles.

Pre-eminent in age, in importance, and in dearness to the hearts of all Christians, is what is called THE APOSTLES' CREED, *of which all the other accepted creeds and confessions of the Church are developments and defences. "As the Lord's Prayer is the Prayer of prayers, the Decalogue the Law of laws, so the Apostles' Creed is the Creed of creeds."*

The Creeds of the Church which came after this great fundamental expression of the faith, are only the further setting forth and profession of the meaning and belief of Christians in their one confession

of the only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whom we have our being, our redemption, and our sanctification.

First of all, it therefore pertains to the devout Christian soul to be well rooted and grounded in the Faith on which salvation depends.

I. THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into Hell, the third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian* Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

II. THE NICENE CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by

* Or *Catholic.*

whom all things were made, Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Christian* and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

III. THE ATHANASIAN CREED.

WHOSOEVER will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the true Christian* Faith; Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the true Christian* Faith is this: That we worship One God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory Equal, the Majesty Coeternal. Such as

* Or *Catholic.*

the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost: The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate: the Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal. As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated; but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not three Almighties, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet, they are not three Gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord; and yet not three Lords, but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian Religion to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater, or less than another; but the whole three Persons are coeternal together, and coequal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that we also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;—God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the substance of His Mother, born in the world; Perfect God, and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting; equal to the Father, as touching His Godhead; inferior to the Father, as touching His manhood. Who although He be God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ;—One, not by conversion of Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God;—One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by Unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, descended into Hell, rose again the third day from the dead; He ascended into heaven, He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give account for their own works; And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian Faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.

IV. THE CREED AS PARAPHRASED BY LUTHER.

I BELIEVE that God has created me and all that exists; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, with all my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with my rai-

ment, food, home and family, and all my property; that He daily provides me abundantly with all the necessaries of life, protects me from all danger, and preserves and guards me against all evil; all which He does out of pure, paternal and divine Goodness and Mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank, praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, secured and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true Faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the true Faith; in which Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and will raise up me and all the dead at the last day, and will grant everlasting life to me, and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PART SECOND.

Prayers for all Occasions.

Next to the true Christian Faith is the living power of it in the soul—the answer of a good conscience toward God respecting what we receive and believe. This is largely summed up in right Prayer, which is the conversation of the soul with God, touching what He is to us, and does for us, and proposes and promises to be to them that love Him.

There are many things in this world which we can do without, and still be God's true children; but Prayer is not one of those things. There is no living and availing Christianity, and no good hope of heaven, where there is no Praying.

God wills that we should pray, and that we should be very diligent in prayer. Nothing can be rightly enjoyed or accomplished without prayer. And it is a blessed privilege that, at all times and under all circumstances, we can go to God with our wants and troubles, and everywhere come to the throne of grace to obtain mercy, and grace to help in time of need.

God gives us many things without our prayers, and even in those cases we need to thank and praise Him as the Giver; but in many other things He waits to be inquired of to do them for us, and will never do them unless we ask Him. Hence it is written: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 TIM. 2.

God declares Himself willing to hear our prayers, if addressed to Him in a right spirit, for right things, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus says: "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, He will give it you." JNO. 16 : 23. *"If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him."* MATT. 7 : 11. *He may not always answer in the exact way and time that we desire; but where true prayer is, there His mercy and grace*

will be, according to His goodness and superior wisdom as to what is best for us. All God's people, in all time, have been praying people; and all His Word is full of precepts, directions and promises respecting prayer.

All prayer is important, but none is so intensely indispensable as that of the individual in the secrecy of retirement—the addressing of one's own soul to God in all things. No devotions in the sanctuary, the family, or the assembly of worshippers, can ever do away with the necessity for one's own personal prayers and approaches to God. There also are heart-secrets, and particular sins and sorrows, and personal wants and feelings, which need to be laid before God in a special manner, in which others cannot properly enter, and which they need not know. The most special and necessary kind of prayer is closet-prayer—prayer in secret to the Father which seeth in secret, who promises to reward us openly. There is no other species of devotion which, alone, furnishes such wholesome and blessed results. And whatever else may be omitted, let no one omit to cultivate the habit of constant communing with God in secret, and yet think to be a proper Christian.

It is by no means intended that what is here furnished should embrace all that needs to pass between the devout soul and its God in secret, or that all here given must necessarily be used. The child knows to ask and cry for what it needs without being taught it. But it is well to be instructed in what is proper in conducting such communications with heaven, and to have carefully prepared forms in which to clothe the emotions, desires and sentiments of the heart. The Apostles wished to be taught how to pray, and Christ gave them forms for their use, and after which to model all their prayers. And even though these set forms should not be much used, it is good to have them before us. Even Jonah, in the belly of the great fish, clothed his prayer in the language of the Psalms; and Christ Himself, as He hung upon the cross, gave forth some of His dying prayers in words borrowed from the same source.

But whether it be in these forms, or in some others, prayer needs to take form; and whether it be by the book, or by the expressions formed at the time, let it be a point with everyone that would be in fellowship with Heaven, not to omit constant communing with God in prayer.

I. MORNING PRAYERS.

A Form by Luther.

In the morning when thou risest, thou shalt say:

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then shalt thou say

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father who art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into tempta-

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* Or *Catholic.*

tion, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shalt thou say:

HEAVENLY FATHER, I give Thee thanks, through Jesus Christ, Thy Dear Son, that Thou hast protected me through the night from all danger and harm; and I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me this day also from all sin and evil, that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Another Form.

When thou awakest, say:

O GOD, who awakest my body from the slumbers of the night; awaken my soul to things above, that I may rise to life immortal. Amen.

When thou washest thyself, say:

WASH and cleanse me, O God, in the precious blood of Jesus, that I may be pure from the defilements of sin, and be refreshed with the waters of Thy renewing grace. Amen.

When thou puttest on thy garments, say:

CLOTHE me, O my Saviour, with the robe of Thy righteousness, and adorn me with the ornaments of a meek and humble spirit, that I may walk with Thee forever. Amen.

When going forth to the duties of the day, say:

THOU who hast brought me safely to the beginning of this day; defend me in the same by Thy mighty power, that I fall into no sin, and that all my goings may be directed according to Thy righteousness, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Or one or more of these selections:

O LORD, hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation: on Thee do I wait all the day.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy Name. Amen.

Further Forms and Collects.

To be used with the preceding, or singly, or together.

RAISE up my body, O God, from sleep and drowsiness, and my soul from sin and forgetfulness of Thee, that I may praise and glorify Thy holy Name forever. Amen.

ETERNAL GOD, who hast created me out of nothing, made me after Thine own image, redeemed me with the precious blood of Christ, and given Thy Holy Spirit to call, enlighten and sanctify me; with my whole heart I thank and praise Thee for all Thy benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Amen.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, King of heaven and earth, sanctify, rule, and govern my soul and body this day in Thy law, and in the works of Thy commandments, that I may be continually protected and saved by Thy mighty help. Amen.

DEFEND me, O God, this day from the deceits and temptations of the devil; preserve me from sin, accident, and an evil death; bless and prosper my labors and pursuits; comfort and uphold me in whatever trials Thou sendest upon me; and teach me by Thy Spirit that I err not from Thee, who art my hope and my Redeemer. Amen.

Here may be added the Collect for the season of the Church Year.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, etc."

II. COLLECTS AND EJACULATIONS DURING THE DAY.

On Going to One's Work.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Ps. 128: 1, 2.

On Hearing the Noon-bell.

BLESSED Lord Jesus, who at the noon-hour didst hang upon the cross, whilst deep darkness covered the world, give unto me that light of body and soul

which leadeth to eternal life; Thou who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art the one true God, blessed forever. Amen.

At Midday.

I WILL say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust.

Shelter me with the cover of Thy wings, that I may not be afraid for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Thou hast a mighty arm. In Thy Name will I rejoice all the day, and in Thy righteousness shall I be exalted.

Lift upon me, O God, the light of Thy countenance, that I may be strengthened in the confession of Thy truth, and in doing service to the honor of thy Name, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

At Seeing the Sun Set.

JESUS, Sun of Righteousness, let not the bright beams of Thy grace and mighty consolations depart from my soul, for Thy precious Name's sake. Amen.

GOD the Holy Ghost, suffer not the light of the Sun of Righteousness in my heart to go down; but keep Him ever present to my thoughts, that in Him I may have the forgiveness of sins and the sure hope of resurrection to life eternal, when the passing day of this life is over. Amen.

At Nightfall.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who makest darkness and it is night, and to whom the darkness and the light are both alike; suffer not Thy condemnation to overwhelm me, but keep me in the light of Thy favor and salvation, through Jesus Christ, to the day everlasting. Amen.

III. EVENING PRAYERS.

A Form by Luther.

In the evening when thou goest to thy bed, say:

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, etc.

Then shalt thou say

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; etc.

Then shalt thou say this prayer:

HEAVENLY FATHER, I give Thee thanks through Jesus Christ thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected me; and I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins, and the wrong which I have done; and by Thy great mercy defend me from all perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Another Form.

On retiring to thy apartment for sleep, kneel down and say:

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast kept me in safety this day, accept my humble thanks for all thy goodness and tender mercies; forgive what has been wrong in my feelings, conversation or deportment; and bestow upon

me Thy Holy Spirit, that, loving Thee truly, I may serve Thee faithfully. Amen.

O LORD, the Keeper of Israel, keep me from the dangers and terrors of this night, that, resting in peace, I may the better serve Thee. Amen.

O LORD, send down Thy blessing on my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies; Be gracious to those who desire my prayers; Comfort and relieve the poor, the homeless, the sick and the sorrowing; Be the help and strength of my pastor and all pastors and teachers of Thy flock; and cause the knowledge of Thy Truth and salvation to be spread abroad throughout all the earth. Amen.

IN Thy Name, O Lord, I lay me down to rest; and should I never awake to this world, may I through Thy Grace awake to life everlasting. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; etc.

Further Forms and Collects.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in Whom is no darkness at all; enlighten and quicken me by thy Holy Spirit, that I sleep not in the darkness and death of sin; and discover to me what I have done wrong this day in thought, word, or deed, granting me due penitence for the same, and Thy merciful forgiveness; through the blood of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O THOU Who never slumberest nor sleepest; Watch over me this night, and keep me from all impurity of thought or deed, and from all disquiet and danger;

and succor me by Thy grace, that at the end of my days I may rest with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

STRIP from my soul, O Lord Jesus, all the garments of iniquity, all sin and affection for sin, all pride and vanity, all self-will and self-love, all that is displeasing to Thy divine Majesty, and robe me in the wedding garment of Thy love and righteousness. Amen.

BLESSED Saviour, grant, that whilst my body sleeps, my soul may be awake to Thee, and behold Thee at last in that better and heavenly country, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest eternally. Amen.

Here may be added the Collect for the season of the Church Year.

GOD the Father, bless me; God the Son, defend and keep me; God the Holy Ghost, enlighten and sanctify me, this night and forever. Amen.

IV. TABLE PRAYERS.

WHEN THOU HAST EATEN AND ART FULL, THEN THOU SHALT BLESS THE LORD THY GOD.—*Deut.* 8:10.

Too much unthankfulness and injurious indifference toward the good Father in heaven cleaves to many who call themselves Christians. They come to the table loaded with His bounties, and partake to fulness, yet neither as they come do they remember to sanctify their meal with the Word of God and prayer, nor as they go away return thanks to the faithful Giver of all good. The Saviour never omitted to give thanks for earthly gifts and creature comforts. He made every mealtime an occasion to lift the heart to God in acknowledgment of His merciful goodness. Yet many come, and eat, and depart like unthinking brute beasts, with no sense of indebtedness to

Heaven's bounty, and no thought or word of grateful recognition of the Hand that feeds them. It is verily a scandal to Christ and His Church, that those who profess to be His followers and servants should so far forget their duty as to have no thankfulness in their hearts or on their lips when they sit down to the consumption of God's bounties, without which they could not live. Therefore we should never fail to look to our gracious Father with grateful heart whenever we partake of the refreshments of the table.

Forms by Luther.

Before Meat.

THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

LORD GOD, Heavenly Father, bless unto us these Thy gifts, which of Thy tender kindness Thou hast bestowed upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Meat.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry unto Him. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in them that hope in His mercy.

WE give Thee thanks, O God our Father, for all Thy benefits, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with Thee, liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

Other Forms Before or After Meat.

MERCIFUL FATHER, Thou feedest and sustainest all Thy creatures; likewise vouchsafe to us also such spiritual meat and drink, that we may not abuse

Thy gifts, but use them to Thy glory in all good service, walking before Thee in innocence, and piety. Amen.

BLESSED be God, who hath nourished me from my youth, and giveth food to all flesh! He filleth my heart with joy and gladness, that my wants are at all times supplied, and that I can be content with what He giveth me. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, I give Thee thanks for all Thy gifts and goodness; and pray Thee, as Thou feedest my body, so also graciously keep my soul in the true faith and confession of Thy name, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, one God, Lord of heaven and earth, who feedest me with such paternal goodness! Fill me also with peace and joy in Thy service, that I may walk before Thee in all righteousness. Amen.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Amen.

V. FURTHER DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

FOR MORNING, EVENING, OR AT ANY TIME.

An Act of Self-Examination.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

HAVE I this day and habitually, had God my Maker in all my thoughts, aims and endeavors?

Do I fear, love, and trust in God above all things?

Have I looked to Him in all my need? Have I been mindful to honor His Name, and to call upon Him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving? Have I attended this day to my prayers?

Have I duly prized God's holy Word and the preaching of His Gospel? Have I been careful to read, hear, learn and obey what He has given for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness? Have I read from the Bible this day?

Have I been careful to respect, honor, love, serve and please my parents and superiors?

Have I been careful not to do harm or injury to any of my fellow-men, but to assist, help and comfort them as I have had opportunity?

Have I kept myself chaste and pure in thoughts, words and deeds?

Have I been true, faithful and honest in my purposes and dealings, so as not to wrong any one by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation?

Have I so guarded my speech as not to belie, betray, slander, or damage the good name and standing of my fellow-man? Have I put the most favorable constructions on what my neighbor has done or said?

Have I indulged a covetous heart towards the possessions of others, envied them, or tried to get what was not my own?

Have I truly loved God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself?

Is my life and conduct such as I would wish it had

been when I come to die, and to stand before God in the day of judgment?

Have I been duly penitent and sorry for my many sins and shortcomings? Have I earnestly prayed for God's forgiveness? Have I true faith in Christ as my Saviour?

An Act of Penitence.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, I am a sinful being. I have broken Thy holy laws in heart and in act. I have done those things which I ought not to have done, and have left undone what I should have done. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have grieved Thy Holy Spirit. I have offended Thee, and deserve only Thy wrath. Pity Thou me, O God, for I am helpless without Thy mercy. And as Thou hast given Thine Only Begotten Son to die for me, for the sake of His merit and mediation, pardon me of my sins, and let not Thy just judgment consume me. Cleanse Thou me from my iniquities, and strengthen me for a better life. By Thy mercy save me, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

A Psalm of Penitence.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

An Act of Faith.

For this any one of the statements of The Holy Christian Faith may be used, or the following:

I FIRMLY believe there is a Lord God Almighty, and One only; in eternal Being and Essence One, but in Persons Three, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

I BELIEVE that God is an infinitely perfect Being; that He rewards good and punishes evil; that God the Son became man, suffered and died for me, to redeem me from sin and death, and that He ever lives to bring me to life everlasting.

I BELIEVE that the soul of man liveth after this life, and that there shall be a resurrection of the just and of the unjust, to receive according to their deeds.

I BELIEVE that no mortal man can be saved by his own works or goodness, that there is no name given among men whereby to be saved but the name of Jesus, and that all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour receive forgiveness and eternal life for His sake.

I BELIEVE that Jesus is my Saviour, and that there is cleansing and salvation for me through His blood.

I BELIEVE all that God has revealed in His holy Word, and all that His holy Church believes and receives on the testimony of His Word.

AND I so believe, hold and confess, because God, who is the Eternal Truth and Wisdom, cannot deceive, nor be deceived. Amen.

An Act of Hope.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of infinite mercy, by Thy grace in Christ Jesus, and upon Thine unfailing Word and promise to every one that believeth, I count and hope with firm confidence that Thou forgivest my sins, and receivest me as Thy child redeemed with the precious blood of Thy dear Son my Lord and Saviour, and wilt bring me to everlasting salvation. Amen.

An Act of Charity.

I LOVE Thee, O God, and delight in Thee with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, because Thou art perfect and unspeakably good to me. My soul longeth for Thee, and desireth to do all that pleaseth Thee, and to love whatsoever Thou lovest, and my neighbor as myself. Amen.

VI. LITANIES.

FOR DAYS OF FASTING AND HUMILIATION.

LORD, have mercy upon me.
Christ, have mercy upon me.
Lord, have mercy upon me.
O Christ, hear me.
O God, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon me.
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me.
O God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me.
Be gracious to me.
Help me, good Lord.
From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil:
Good Lord, deliver me.
From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver me.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:
Help me, good Lord.
In all time of my tribulation;
In all time of my prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the day of judgment;
Help me, good Lord.
I poor sinner, do beseech Thee to
Hear me, O Lord God.

And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace; to raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

I beseech Thee to hear me, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies; to direct and defend our President, and all in authority; and to bless and keep all our magistrates and all our people:

I beseech Thee to hear me, good Lord.

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect all who travel by land or water; to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to set free all who are innocently imprisoned; to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows; and to have mercy upon all men:

I beseech Thee to hear me, good Lord.

To forgive my enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

I beseech Thee to hear me, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I beseech Thee to hear me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant me Thy peace.

O Christ, hear me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

"Our Father, who art in heaven," etc.

A Litany to the Saviour.

BLESSED JESUS, who comest to seek and to save that which was lost, save Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood.

BLESSED JESUS, who art exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, mercifully forgive me my sins.

BLESSED JESUS, who hast called the weary and heavy-laden to come to Thee, lead me into Thy rest.

O THOU true Light that lightest every man that cometh into the world, enlighten me with the light of Thy salvation.

MOST merciful Saviour, who ever livest to make intercession for Thy people, intercede for me.

O THOU great High Priest, who canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, have compassion upon me, Thine unworthy servant.

O THOU who wast Thyself tempted, and canst succor them that are tempted, succor me.

O THOU who art wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, be Thou my defence and my deliverance.

From fear of man, and forgetfulness of Thee;
From the snares of Satan and my own weakness;
From the fear of death and from eternal condemnation:
Good Lord, deliver me.
By Thy tenderness as man, and Thy majesty as God;
By Thy Birth and Baptism, Thy Fasting and Temptation;
By Thy scourging, Crown of thorns, Robe of scorn, and cruel mockery;
By Thine unknown Agony and bitter Passion;

By Thy Broken Body and Thy shed Blood;
By Thy coming to Save and Thy coming to Judge;
Good Lord, deliver me.
In prosperity and in adversity;
Amid provocations and amid reproaches;
In my struggles with sin, and in my failures;
In the duties of life, and in the hour of death;
In all present need, and in the future judgment:
Good Lord, deliver me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me!

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant me Thy peace!

Lord Jesus, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee! Amen.

"Our Father, who art in heaven," etc.

A Litany to the Holy Ghost.

O THOU BLESSED SPIRIT OF TRUTH, proceeding from the Father and the Son, guide me into all truth.

O Spirit of Holiness, sanctify my whole spirit, soul, and body.

O Spirit of Grace and Supplication, help my infirmities and my prayers.

O Spirit of Faith, work in me true faith.

O Spirit of Adoption, help me to know the Father.

O Spirit of Promise, seal me unto the day of redemption.

Thou who art the Spirit of Wisdom, give me understanding.

Thou who art the Comforter of them that believe, leave me not comfortless.

Thou who givest love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness, quicken Thou me in all heavenly graces, that I may live in Thy life, both now and forever. Amen.

"Our Father, who art in heaven," etc.

VII. COLLECTS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

These Collects should be used each in its place on the days named, and on the days succeeding, until the next day named, in connection with Morning or Evening Prayer, or both.

For First Sunday in Advent.

STIR me up, O Lord God, that I may be ready when Thy Son cometh, to receive Him with joy, and to serve Thee with a pure heart, through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For Second Sunday in Advent.

ETERNAL GOD, merciful Father, who hast ordained Thy Son to be the Judge of the quick and the dead, that through Him at the end of this world Thou mayest deliver Thy people from all ills; I pray Thy merciful Goodness to hasten the coming of that day of redemption and blessed hope to receive me and all Thy believing children into the eternal Kingdom prepared for us in Christ Jesus from the foundation of the world. Amen.

For Third Sunday in Advent.

I BESEECH Thee, O Lord, incline Thine ear to my prayers, and enlighten the darkness of my heart through the grace of Thy merciful visitation, Thou who

livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, true God, from eternity to eternity. Amen.

For Fourth Sunday in Advent.

The same as for First Advent.

For the Christmas Festival.

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, I thank Thee for Thy great grace and mercy, in sending Thine only Begotten Son in human flesh, that He might redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and I pray Thee to enlighten me by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be duly thankful for this Thy grace, and be comforted by the same in all necessities and temptations; through Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Sunday After Christmas.

O GRACIOUS GOD, open Thou the depths of my soul, that I may learn and realize the eternal life vouchsafed through the new birth of Thy Son, in the virtue of His precious flesh and blood, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

For the First Sunday in New Year.

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who didst place Thy dear Son under the Law, to the end that He might redeem from the curse those who were under the Law; help me, that I may be and remain partaker of His redemption. Amen.

For Epiphany.

ENLIGHTEN my heart, O Lord, by the brightness of Thy manifestation to the Gentiles, and make me faithful and earnest in renouncing the darkness of this

world and pressing forward to the fatherland of everlasting glory. Amen.

For the Epiphany Sundays.

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who by signs and wonders didst show forth the glory of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ during His sojourn on earth; grant me Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of glory, that by His help I may believe in Jesus Christ, know the riches of His glorious grace, and be clothed with His manifold gifts. Amen.

For Septuagesima Sunday.

I THANK Thee, O Lord God, heavenly Father, that Thou hast called me into Thy Church, Thine earthly vineyard, and pray for the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may cheerfully obey Thy call, and be a faithful laborer, that when the evening of my day on earth is come, I may, through thy grace, obtain the reward of everlasting life. Amen.

For Sexagesima Sunday.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who so graciously sowest the seed of Thy divine Word into the hearts of men, grant that it may find in me good ground, that, gladly hearing Thy Word, and sincerely believing it, I may treasure it up with an honest heart, where it shall bring forth fruit to Thy honor and my own happiness. Amen.

For Quinquagesima Sunday.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst open the eyes of the blind and proclaim everlasting redemption through Thy death; cause the light of faith to shine upon my soul, that I may clearly behold the fulness of that love where-

with Thou hast loved the world even unto death, and have grace in all things to follow Thy steps, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

For Ash Wednesday.

The beginning of the great Lenten season.

VOUCHSAFE unto me, O Lord, I beseech Thee, the aid of Thy heavenly grace, that, intent in prayer and devotion before Thee, I may be delivered from all enemies of my soul, through the suffering and merit of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the First Sunday in Lent.

O LORD JESUS, who wast tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin, and who canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmity; give me grace steadfastly to resist the allurements of sin; and that the lusts of my flesh being subdued to the Spirit, I may ever obey the impulses of righteousness, to Thy honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

For the Second Sunday in Lent.

I THANK Thee, Almighty and Everlasting God, that for the sake of sinful men, Thy Son fought the good fight of faith, and was made perfect through suffering, that He might become the Author of eternal salvation to them that obey him; and I humbly pray for Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be truly obedient to His Word, and hold fast my confidence in His grace amid all dangers and trials, and in all things be more than conqueror through Him that loved me, and gave Himself for me. Amen.

For the Third Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by the holy and precious sufferings and death of Thy dear Son hast destroyed the works of the devil; grant that with true faith I may lay hold on His victory, be freed from the powers of darkness, serve Thee alone, and be Thine in life and in death. Amen.

For the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who with a few loaves and fishes didst wonderfully feed the thousands; grant me grace to be content with whatsoever things Thy goodness bestows, to use rightly Thy manifold gifts, and with filial gratitude to give thanks to Thee at all times, who reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

For the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst cause Thy dear Son for man's sake to endure such contradiction of sinners; so rule and govern my heart by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be truly obedient to His commands, and so keep His Word that I may never see death. Amen.

For the Sixth Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who didst lead Thy dear Son Jesus Christ through sufferings and death to Thine eternal glory; grant me grace with willing heart to receive Him as my King, to follow Him in true humility, that Thy will in me being accomplished I may enter into Thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For Passion Week.

GRANT, I pray Thee, Almighty God, that as I sink and faint through my weakness under the attacks and assaults of the enemy, I may obtain new strength through the redemptive sufferings of thine Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

GRANT, Almighty God, that, as I suffer continually because of my misdoings, I may receive deliverance for all necessities, through the sufferings of Thine Only Begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given Thine Only Begotten Son to suffer and die for the sins of the world; give Thy Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may be comforted by such matchless grace, defended against further sin, and patiently suffer all that Thou sendest upon me, to the end that through Him I may live forever with Thee. Amen.

O ETERNAL GOD, who through Thine Only Son hast opened the way to eternal life after that He had felt the power of death; awaken in my heart the desire of life eternal, and help me to the fulfilment of the same, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Easter Time.

GRANT, O most merciful God, that in the Resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ I may in very deed have my portion; through the same, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, I beseech Thee, that as I celebrate the mysteries of the Resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ, so, at His second coming, I may be enabled to rejoice with all His saints. Amen.

O GOD, who by Thine Only Begotten Son hast overcome death, and opened the gate of everlasting life to all believers; grant me grace to believe the same with my whole heart, and by the renewing of the Holy Ghost to arise from the death of sin, to love and praise Thee, world without end. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst teach Thy disciples out of the Scriptures concerning Thy Resurrection, help me also to understand Thy Word which is able to make wise unto salvation, that I may be partaker of the resurrection unto life everlasting. Amen.

For the First Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by the death and Resurrection of Thy dear Son hast brought life and immortality to light, and dost now cause the Gospel of peace to be proclaimed; give to me Thy Holy Spirit, to the end that I may be begotten again to the hope of life, by a true faith overcome the world, and enjoy the witness of Thy favor. Amen.

For the Second Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who broughtest up again from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and who by Thy word and Spirit hast called me unto His fold; open Thou mine ears to hear His voice, and help me cheerfully to follow Him, that I may

be kept by His power against all enemies unto life everlasting. Amen.

For the Third Sunday after Easter.

KEEP me, O heavenly Father, amid the heaviness and temptations of this earthly pilgrimage, that seeking my true home in heaven I may wait in faith and patience for the glorious Revelation of my Lord and Saviour when He shall appear a second time, and rejoice with Him forever. Amen.

For the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

GIVE me, O Lord, an obedient heart, that I may not despise the reproof of Thy Spirit, but, being begotten again by the same through the Word of Truth to a lively faith, have Thy Son glorified in me, and be transformed into His image. Amen.

For the Fifth Sunday after Easter.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast commanded Thy people to pray in Thy Name, and hast given them access to the Father with all confidence; grant me grace never to despise this Thy goodness, but at all times to pray for those things pleasing to Thee, and needful to my everlasting salvation. Amen.

For Ascension Day.

ALMIGHTY GOD, as Thine Only Begotten Son, in whom standeth my salvation, ascended up into heaven; grant that I also may ascend thither, and in spirit dwell there, seeking and minding heavenly things. Amen.

For the Sunday after Ascension.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast exalted Thine Only Begotten Son to Thy heavenly glory; leave me not comfortless, but send Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church, and may He be my comfort and consolation under all the afflictions of this mortal life, strengthen me to the faithful profession of the truth, and prepare me for the eternal glory to which Thou hast called me. Amen.

For Whitsunday.

LORD GOD, merciful Father, who didst enlighten and teach the hearts of Thy believing servants through the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, give to me of the same, that I also may have a right understanding, and at all times be comforted and sustained by His power. Amen.

For Trinity Sundays.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast taught Thy people in right faith to know and confess that Thou, in Three Persons, equal in might and glory, art One Eternal God, and so to be worshipped; keep me, I beseech Thee, in this most holy faith, that I may at all times hold it fast against whatever assaults may be made upon it. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who hast so richly made known Thy grace, in that Thou, the Eternal Father, hast created man in Thine image, in that Thou, the Eternal Son, wast made man to pay the debt of man's sins upon the cross, and in that Thou, the Eternal Spirit, goest forth

from the Father and the Son from all eternity to give faith and sanctification through the holy Gospel; I beseech Thee, the One, Eternal and Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to uphold me in the true confession of thy Name and in the true faith to the end of my days, and by Thy grace to bring me to everlasting salvation. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who dost not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax; increase and strengthen my imperfect faith, that, putting my whole trust in Thy Word, I may truly believe, and by Thy grace be enabled to bring others, and all who are associated with me, to the like faith, that we together may come to the enjoyment of life everlasting. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, who in Jesus Christ dost richly and daily forgive me all my sins, and dost graciously remit the punishment which I justly deserve; help me so to believe Thy fatherly mercy that, with a ready heart and true charity, I may forgive my brethren their sins, even as Thou forgivest me. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast appointed Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Judge of the quick and the dead, by whom also Thou wilt make manifest the counsels of all hearts; help me by hearty repentance and true faith to lay hold upon Thy great salvation, that in humble obedience and a Godly life I may look and wait for the coming again of the Lord Jesus, and finally be received into His everlasting kingdom. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who, in the day of the glorious coming again of Thy dear Son, wilt deliver Thy believing and waiting children from all the dangers and temptations of this mortal life, and exalt them to eternal life and glory; give me that true wisdom so to improve the little time that remaineth, that by Thy grace I may be supplied with the oil of faith, watch and pray always, with joy meet the Bridegroom when He cometh, and enter in with Him to blessedness eternal. Amen.

VIII. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS FOR VARIOUS GIFTS AND GRACES.

For Illumination.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art Light, the Fountain of Truth, the Author and Giver of all Wisdom; enlighten me by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Scatter the clouds of ignorance, error and prejudice from my soul, and give me a right understanding, that I may be made wise unto salvation, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Conversion of Will to God.

TURN away my heart, O Lord, from beholding vanity, and convert it wholly to Thyself, that abstaining from all that is displeasing to Thee, and walking always according to Thy will, I may feel Thy mercy, and not Thy wrath. Amen.

For Penitence and Forgiveness.

BE pleased, O God, to soften and melt this hard heart of mine, that I may be truly sorry for all my offences against Thee, and have forgiveness of the same, through the merit of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Fear of God.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who art blessed, and dost live, and dost govern all things, world without end; awaken and confirm me in Thy fear, and in all good works, that I may walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life. Amen.

For Faith.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, very God and very man, who changest not, and art holy in all Thy works; turn away from me the unbelief of a doubtful mind, and fill my heart with the gifts of Thy grace, that I may ever believe and know Thee to be very God, proved by miracles and mighty works to be the Saviour of all who believe. Amen.

IN Thy compassion, O Lord, increase in me Thy faith, since Thou wilt not deny the aid of Thy loving kindness to those on whom Thou bestowest a steadfast belief in Thee. Amen.

For Hope.

O THOU who art the Hope of Thy people, and hast given unto them exceeding great and precious promises; comfort me against the fears that would destroy my peace in Thee, and establish me in the hope which maketh not ashamed, that it may be an anchor to my soul both sure and steadfast. Amen.

For Love and Charity.

O GOD, who makest all things profitable to them that love Thee; pour into my heart an invincible power of love and charity, that the desires which have been conceived by Thine inspiration, may not be changed by any temptation. Amen.

For Heavenly-Mindedness.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, vouchsafe unto me the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may seek after those things which are above, where Christ sitteth, and that, while placed among things which are passing away, I may cleave only to those which abide forever. Amen.

For Peace.

O GOD, who art Peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us of the blessedness of the peacemakers; pour Thy sweet peace into my soul, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to me always. Amen.

For Purity.

CLEANSE me, O God, from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, and deliver me from all earthly desires and carnal appetites, that no sin may reign in me, and that with a free spirit I may serve Thee, my only Lord. Amen.

For Humility.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble, grant unto me a lowly mind, that I may not provoke Thine indignation, but meekly receive Thy gifts. Amen.

For Meekness.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who givest that wisdom from above which is pure, gentle, easy to be entreated, and full of mercy and good fruits; make me to abound in the same, that I may not be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

For Strength in Temptation.

O LORD, in Thy loving kindness, set in order my life and conversation, that no adversities may prevail against me, and nothing salutary be wanting in me, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

For Spiritual Guidance.

O GOD, the Author and Giver of true blessedness; guide me into the path of the undefiled, that, seeking the testimony of Thy law with pious heart, I may continually love what Thou commandest, and desire that to which it leads. Amen.

For Temporal and Spiritual Good.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by the Word of Thy Power createst and upholdest all things; make known to me Thine Eternal Word, my Lord Jesus Christ, and implant Him in my heart, that by Thy grace I may be made worthy to receive Thy divine blessing upon the fruits of the earth, and upon all that pertains to my bodily wants; through the same, my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Contentment.

O GOD, who hast commanded us not to be over-anxious about supplies for this life, but to cast all our care upon Thee, grant, I beseech Thee, that I may devotedly

follow after what pertaineth to Thee, to the end that all things salutary may be added unto me,; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Spiritual Joy.

LORD, pour into my mind that joy of the righteous which is in Thee, that the praise of Thee which becometh the upright may purge out all unholiness from my soul. Amen.

For Thankfulness.

O GOD, who chastenest me in Thy love, and refreshest me in the midst of Thy chastenings; grant that I may ever be able to give Thee thanks for both; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Heavenly Help.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who orderest things in heaven and earth alike for the assistance of mankind; be pleased mercifully to refresh me by the protection of Thy ministers from above, whilst toiling amid the darkness and dangers of this lower world. Amen.

For Perseverance.

O GOD, who hast begun in me the saving work of Thy grace; establish me in Thy holy Truth, and keep me from the snares of seducing spirits, that I may not be led away with the error of the wicked, nor fail from following Thy paths. Amen.

For a Happy End.

GRACIOUS SAVIOUR, who for the salvation of mankind didst endure to be hanged on the cross, and didst pour out Thy lifeblood for my redemption; mer-

cifully receive my prayers, and bestow upon me Thy grace, that when Thou shalt command me to depart from the body, the enemy may have no power over me, and Thine angel of peace place me among Thy saints in light and life. Amen.

For Mercy in the Judgment.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast commanded us to believe confidently in Thee, and who hast promised to come again to receive us unto Thyself, that where Thou art we may be also; quicken and help me by Thy Word and Spirit, that I may so watch and keep my garments, that when Thou comest in Thy glory I may find favor in Thy sight, and be raised by Thy mighty power to the blessedness of everlasting life. Amen.

For Answer to Prayer.

O GOD, the Life of the faithful and the Bliss of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of Thy unworthy suppliant, that my soul, which is athirst for Thy promises, may evermore be filled from Thine abundance; for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

IX. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION.

For the Church.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast revealed Thy glory by Christ Jesus among all nations; preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, spread throughout the world, may persevere

with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name, and be ever prospered in making known Thy salvation. Amen.

O GOD, who art both the Restorer and the Ruler of mankind; grant that Thy Church may ever be increased with new offspring, be supplied with faithful preachers of the Word, and perpetually grow by the devotion of the faithful; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

LOOK mercifully upon Thy flock, O Shepherd of souls, and suffer not the sheep which Thou hast redeemed with Thy blood to be torn to pieces by the assaults of the devil, nor left destitute of teachers and guides to keep them in the true pasture of Thy holy Word. Amen.

LORD of the harvest, who hast taught us to pray that Thou wouldst send forth laborers into Thy harvest; be pleased by Thy good Providence and Spirit to raise up and qualify men rightly to serve Thy Church in the holy office of the ministry. Amen.

For Ministers of the Word.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Minister of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man; graciously remember those whom Thou hast set as teachers and guides in Thy Church, and send upon them Thy Holy Spirit, that they may know the truth thoroughly, preach it faithfully, and live it honestly, to the praise of Thy Name, which is above every name. Amen.

For Rulers and Governments.

O GOD, in whose hand are the hearts of kings, and Who hast commanded us to pray for them and for all in authority; incline Thy merciful ear to my humble supplications for the government under which I live, and for all who have rule over Thy people; and so strengthen and prosper all that is right and good, that Thy Church may enjoy perpetual peace, and that Thy servants may evermore praise and magnify Thy holy Name. Amen.

For the Family.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, be present with Thy favor to bless and keep the household to which I belong, and vouchsafe to its head and all its members Thy gracious protection, that Thou mayest be known in it as its Defender; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Co-dwellers in the Same House.

HOLY LORD, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; be pleased to send Thy holy angel to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all who dwell in this habitation; and mercifully incline them to seek Thee with their whole heart, and to serve Thee with submissive mind, that Thy blessing may ever abide upon them. Amen.

For Relatives and Friends.

O GOD, my Creator and Redeemer, visit with Thy merciful goodness all who are joined to me by blood, family, or friendship, N. N., all for whom I am desired to pray, or should pray, and all Thy faithful

people; forgive their sins, deliver them from all evil, preserve them in all good, and bring them to everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Friends Absent or on Journeys.

O GOD, infinite in mercy and boundless in majesty, whom no distance of place nor length of time can part from those for whom Thou carest; be present to Thy servants N. N., and to all those everywhere who confide in Thee; and through all the way in which they go, and in all the places where they stay, be pleased to be their Guide and Protector. May no adversity harm them, no hindrance oppose them, and all things turn out prosperously for them; that, by the aid of Thy right hand, whatsoever they ask with reasonable desire, they may speedily find brought to good effect. Amen.

For the Sick and Suffering.

O CHRIST, my Lord, Who art the Physician of salvation; grant unto the sick the aid of Thy heavenly healing; look upon all Thy faithful people who in their feebleness and suffering call upon Thy Name; take their souls into Thy keeping, and vouchsafe unto them a peaceful mind and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who succorest those that labor under perils and afflictions; may it please Thy Majesty to send Thy holy angel to uphold with Thy comfort Thy servant N. N. in *his* deep distress and suffering, that *he* may receive Thy present

aid and attain to everlasting healing, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O LORD, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God; preserve this Thy servant N. N.; raise *him* up from the bed of pain by Thy tender mercy; visit *him* in Thy compassion; drive away from *him* all sickness and infirmity; that, being delivered by Thy mighty hand, *he* may serve Thee with all thankfulness. Amen.

For the Dying.

RECEIVE in mercy, O Lord, the souls departing from the body, that dying to this world they may live to Thee. Amen.

O LORD GOD, preserve the soul of Thy servant N. N. in the midst of *his* extremity; and whatever sins *he* has committed through the frailty of earthly life do Thou clear away through Thy most loving and merciful forgiveness; loose *his* soul from every bond, and free it from every curse; that *his* departure may be in peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Help of the Needy.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of the weak, and the Refuge of the sorrowing and the needy; let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee, that they may find the presence of Thy mercy, and obtain relief through Thy abundant goodness and grace. Amen.

O GOD, Who art the Author of love, and the Lover of pure peace and affection; heal and bless all who belong to Thy household of faith; and may those who are terrified by fears, afflicted by poverty, harassed by tribulation, worn down by sickness, given over to punishments, pining in prisons, or faint as wayfarers, be set free by Thine indulgent tenderness, raised up by amendment of their lives, and cherished by Thy daily compassion: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Those in Error and Sin.

GOD of all heavenly powers, fulfil Thy mercy to the world that lieth in falsehood and sin, that the hearts of the rebellious may be subdued to the truth of the Gospel, that the souls deceived by the fraud of the devil may be delivered, that all heretical perverseness may be driven away from those who name Thy Name, and that all who err from Thy ways may repent and come to Thy true Word. Amen.

O LORD, Holy Father, Everlasting God; command the way of Thy truth and of the knowledge of Thee to be shown to those who wander in doubt and uncertainty amid the darkness of this world, that the eyes of their understandings may be opened to acknowledge and serve Thee the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and enjoy the fruit of the true confession both here and in the world to come. Amen.

O GOD, turn the heart of N. N. from *his* depravity, unbelief, and sin, and recover *him* by Thy grace from the snares of the devil wherein *he* is now held captive. Amen.

For the Aged and Infirm.

O GOD, the staff and stay of all that put their trust in Thee; Help, comfort, and keep all those Thy servants whom years and sorrows have weighed down. Cast them not off in time of old age, and forsake them not when their strength faileth. Be present to them in their declining years, and when they pass through the valley of the shadow of death, preserve them from all fear of evil, and bring them to Thine everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Wretched and Friendless.

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who didst give Thy blood and sorrows for the peace of men; deny not Thy bowels of compassion to the friendless and miserable, but comfort and relieve them in body and in soul, for Thine infinite mercy's sake. Amen.

For all Classes.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast made of one blood all nations of the earth; let Thy mercy be upon all sorts and conditions of men; give perfection to beginners; give intelligence to little ones and those in the darkness of ignorance; give aid and refreshing to those who are running their course in Thy fear; give compunction to the negligent and the unbelieving; give fervor of spirit to the lukewarm; give recovery to the sick and sorrowing; give protection to the weak and defenceless; give peace to those in trouble; and give a good consummation to all who are upright and true; through Jesus Christ the only Saviour, Thy Son, my Lord. Amen.

X. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS REGARDING PUBLIC WORSHIP.

God has ordained Public Worship, and has enjoined upon us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Jesus says that where two or three are gathered together in His name, there He is. "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion, more than all the dwellings of Jacob." The Word is: "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord."—LEV. 18: 30. *"In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee."*—EX. 20 : 24. *"Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors."*—PROV. 8 : 34. *"It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."*—1 COR. 1 : 21. *"Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."*—ISA. 56 : 7. *"Ye come together in the church, to eat the Lord's Supper."*—1 COR. 11 : 18-20. *"Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord."*—PS. 68 : 26. *"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."*—PS. 92 : 13.

Duties therefore belong to every one with reference to the assemblies for holy worship, calling for thoughtfulness and prayer. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools."—PROV. 5 : 1.

ON GOING TO CHURCH.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

MY soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.—PS. 84 : 2.

AS for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy Temple.—PS. 5 : 7.

Preparation for Public Worship.

O GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast promised to be wherever two or three are gathered together in Thy Name; cleanse the thoughts of my heart, as I now come to Thee in Thy house. Help me to cast out from my soul every evil feeling or desire, all envy, pride and hypocrisy, all falsehood, deceit and worldly anxiety, all covetousness, vain-glory and sloth, all malice, wrath and anger, all remembrance of injuries, all blasphemy, and every motion of the flesh and spirit contrary to Thy holy will, that, with freedom, without condemnation, with a pure and contrite heart, with sanctified lips, and without confusion of face, I may appear before Thy Majesty, boldly call upon Thy Name, hear with all devotion Thy most holy Word, and worthily approach Thy sacred mysteries. Amen.

For the Divine Blessing on the Services.

OPEN Thy heavens, O Lord, that Thy gifts may descend upon Thy people, and open their eyes that They may behold Thee whilst they render the service Thou hast enjoined. Strengthen the weak, relieve the contrite, confirm the wavering, and build up all Thy family in love. Cleanse all hearts with purity, enlighten them with wisdom, and keep them with mercy. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, recover the lost, convert the wandering, and bind up that which is broken. Put forth Thine hand from heaven, and touch the head and heart of each, that every one may feel Thy presence, receive the joyful gift of Thy Holy Spirit, and be filled with abiding profit from Thy most holy Word. Amen.

For the Minister of the Word.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, put Thy saving Gospel in the heart and on the lips of Thy servant who this day shall speak in Thy Name, that he may truly fulfil Thy command, and preach Thy word in all faithfulness, that all who hear it, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted and strengthened by the same, may do those things which are well-pleasing to Thee, and profitable to them; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

On Entering the Church.

LET the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

At Close of Service.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

On Returning from Service.

THRICE blessed Lord God Almighty, accept my thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, and implant Thy Word in me, that in a good and honest heart I may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing. Amen.

MAKE me to know Thy will, O God, and to walk obediently in the same, until I come into Thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

XI. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS RESPECTING BAPTISM.

Baptism is the first of the two great sacraments ordained by the Lord Jesus. He has commanded the making of disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—MATT. 28:19. *To be a disciple, then, according to Christ's appointment, it is necessary for every one to submit to Baptism, to be baptized, and to keep to that Baptism, in which God gives and seals unto us all needful grace, and all the blessings of eternal salvation.*

Baptism is one of the most precious things we Christians have. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."—ROM. 6:3-5. *"In the Ark eight souls were saved by water, the like figure whereunto Baptism doth also now save us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*—1 PET. 3:20, 21. *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."*—MARK 16:16.

ON ONE'S BAPTISM.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in Thy righteous judgment didst condemn the unbelieving world by the flood, but out of Thy great mercy didst save believing Noah through the same; look graciously upon me, and bless me with true faith, that through the healing flood of Baptism whatsoever in me pertaineth to the old Adam may be drowned and destroyed, and whatsoever pertaineth to the New Man be made to come forth to live in righteousness and purity before Thee forever. Amen.

O GOD, who hast bestowed upon me the perfect grace of Baptism; by Thy Holy Spirit dispose my heart to the attainment of everlasting bliss; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who in a wonderful sacrament hast joined together water and the Word, that it might work and pledge the forgiveness of sins, deliver from death and the devil, and confer everlasting salvation on all of them that believe; help me so to embrace and cleave to the same, that I may be cleansed from all sin, and not be defrauded of any promises. Amen.

HOLY FATHER, who hast called me by Thy grace, and put upon me Thy great Name; protect me unceasingly by Thy help, that, being born of water and of the Spirit, I may never be plucked away from the power of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

For Restoration to the Grace of Baptism.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, whose gifts and promises are without repentance; let Thy merciful forgiveness be toward Thine erring child; that wherein I have departed from my Baptismal consecration, I may be restored by Thy favor; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

At Confirmation.

HELP me, O gracious Father, by the witness of a good confession to stand firm in Thy Name, and not be overcome by the lying-in-wait of any adversaries. Amen.

O GOD, who hast given to me to be buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so I also should walk in newness of life; uphold me in the confession of my Lord before men, that He also may confess me before Thee and the holy angels. Amen.

For the Consummation of the Grace of Baptism.

O GOD, who restorest unto men eternal life by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; fulfil the ineffable mystery of Thy loving kindness, that, when He cometh in His majesty, as Thou hast regenerated me by Water and the Holy Ghost, Thou mayest also clothe me with a blessed immortality; through the same Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Author of all grace and goodness; sanctify me wholly, that my whole spirit, soul and body, may become a living temple of the Holy Ghost. Perfect Thy strength in my weakness; purify me from all corruptions; grant me that faith which overcometh the world, and ever preserve me by Thy preventing and restraining mercy unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Recovery of those who have Wandered.

BY Thy mercy, O Lord, pity those who have departed from Thy holy Covenant, and by Thy grace recover them to their consecration to Thee, that they may not lose the treasures of Thy great salvation. Amen.

XII. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS RELATING TO THE LORD'S SUPPER.

This is the second and highest sacrament ordained by the Lord Jesus, in which He mysteriously gives us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink, for the strengthening of our faith and the special pledge of participation in his glory. Giving the bread, He said, "This is my Body," and giving the cup, He said, "This is my Blood, of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."—MATT. 26: 26-28. *"The Cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"*—1 COR. 10: 16. *"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."*—1 COR. 10: 27.

It is an ordinance of great solemnity and of sublime worth to the soul, and needs to be observed with much scrupulousness, preparation and devoutness. We cannot fulfil Christ's commands and omit it, and it is of great consequence to our salvation that we be in readiness to receive it when the time for its administration comes.

All communicants should be particular to attend the Church services preparatory to this sacrament, and enter earnestly into the same, as part of the ready-making to receive this holy Supper.

PREPARATIONS FOR COMMUNION.

O LORD GOD, to Whose likeness I have been created, and by Whose grace I have been redeemed; assist me with Thy Holy Spirit, with due reverence and devotion to approach the sacred mysteries of Thy Table. Amen.

O LORD, my God, Who hast called me after the Name of Thy Son, and given me Baptism unto regeneration; make me worthy to come to the Communion of His Body and Blood. Amen.

HELP me, O Lord, diligently to examine and prove myself, as St. Paul exhorteth, that so I may eat of that bread and drink of that cup, not unto my condemnation, but to the comfort and strengthening of my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

HOLY things are for holy persons; but, behold, I am a sinful being. I have broken Thy commandments. I have deserved Thy wrath. Have mercy upon me, O God, and remember not my sins against me. O God, the Father in heaven; have mercy upon me! O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon me! O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; have mercy upon me, and grant me Thy peace. Amen.

I DO not presume to come to Thy Table, O merciful God, trusting in my own righteousness but in Thy manifold and great mercies. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Thy dear Son my Lord and Saviour, that my sinful body may be made clean by His body, and my soul washed through His most precious blood, and that I may evermore dwell in Him, and He in me. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, true Father, Whose compassions are infinite; Whose Only Begotten Son has given His life upon the cross as the propitiation for my sins, and paid the whole debt of them; with all my heart I trust in Him, and hope through Thy mercy. Amen.

Ejaculations While Others Are Communing.

O LORD my God, Whom have I in heaven but Thee; and on earth there is none that I desire beside Thee.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God, my God.

Blessed Saviour, Thou hast bought me with the price of Thy blood, for Thy mercy's sake help me, and suffer not my soul to perish.

Help and accept me in the renewal of my covenant with Thee, O Lord, that I may ever glorify Thee in my body and spirit which are Thine.

By Thy cross and passion, O Christ, be merciful to my unrighteousness, and remember not my sins against me.

By Thy crucifying and death for me, deliver me from the powers of sin and death; and by Thy cleansing blood purge my conscience from dead works, to serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days.

O Lord, upon Thy mercy alone do I rest my soul; comfort, strengthen and establish me in the true faith of Thy victory for my salvation, and keep me by Thine abundant grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

The Act of Participation.

When the administrant says the words:

This is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.
This is the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

The recipient should say, mentally at least:

Amen.

And thus appropriate both the confession and the treasure of this holy sacrament.

After Partaking.

BLESSED be Thy Name, merciful Father, God of all grace, for Thine inestimable compassion, and the pledges of Thy forgiveness which I have now received! Renew and keep my soul by the same to life eternal. Amen.

O LORD, my God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forever and ever; make me always to seek and love Thee, and by this Holy Communion now received never to depart from Thee; for Thou art good, and beside Thee there is none else. Amen.

BY these most sacred Mysteries which I have now received, grant me, O God, a right faith, a firm hope, and perfect love; keep my life full of virtue in the praise of Thee; and when the hour of my departure comes, receive me unto Thyself, that I may see Thy face, world without end. Amen.

O BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who hast again vouchsafed to feed me with the heavenly food of Thy precious Body and Blood; accept my most hearty thanks for these wonders of Thy love to me; raise my soul to that steadfast love of Thee, that I may never offend against such riches of mercy; and so strengthen me while yet in this corrupt and dying body that no power of temptation may overcome me, and no frailty of my nature deprive me of Thy continual favor.

Our Father Who art in heaven, etc.

XIII. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS FOR PARTICULAR TIMES AND OCCASIONS.

At the Beginning of a New Year.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Whose years fail not, and Whose mercies are everlasting; grant me grace to spend this year as Thy devoted servant, according to Thy good pleasure. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Head of every beginning; grant that with faithful heart I may pass the year on which I now enter, and in all things walk well-pleasing to Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD the Father, Almighty and Everlasting, be pleased to crown this year with Thy goodness. Fill the earth with fruit, and Thy Church with prosperity. Keep my body from disease and harm, and my soul from sinning against Thee. Take away all scandals and causes of offence, and remove far off all manner of calamities; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

On One's Birthday.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Maker and Preserver of all things, by whom I was shapen, and by whose good Providence I have been preserved all my days; accept my humble thanks and praises for Thy manifold mercies in bringing me to the completion of another year of my life, and grant me wisdom to know whereunto I was born, and Thy holy will concerning me, that, in entering upon a new term of my existence, I may possess Thy

favor, spend the remainder of my time here in doing Thy pleasure, finish my course in true faith, and at the last be born into the life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in Whose hand my time is, teach me the measure of my days what it is, that I may consider aright the things that belong to my peace, and pass this new year of my life, and all the days of my appointed time, in the comforting hope of everlasting life in heaven. Amen.

In Time of War.

O GOD, the Defender of the defenceless, and the Protector of all Thy faithful people; protect me and mine from the ruthless storms of war, and from all fear of the enemy; that all disturbance being quelled by Thy mighty power, I may serve Thee with mind free from distraction or alarm; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O LORD, let the invincible defence of Thy Power be the bulwark of Thy faithful people; that they, being ever devoted to Thee with pious affection, may be freed from the assaults of enemies, and continually persevere in Thy grace; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, the Maker of the universe, by Whose command the whole course of the world proceeds; in Thy goodness be present to my prayers, and vouchsafe to these troublous times the tranquillity of peace; and so order the course of Thy Providence that, with unceasing

exultation, Thy people may rejoice in giving praise to Thy mercy. Amen.

O GOD, help and comfort those who suffer on the field of battle, and let Thy mercy be upon all them that in their extremity call upon Thee. Amen.

O GOD, bring to nought the counsels of them that war upon our peace, and deliver us with Thy great salvation. Amen.

In Time of Pestilence or Danger.

O GOD, the Refuge and Strength of Thy children; behold in Thy mercy Thy feeble and dependent creature, who flies to Thee for succor and protection. Be pleased to uphold and strengthen me in body and soul, that, surely trusting in Thy defence, I may not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor fear for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Amen.

O LORD, MY GOD; when my sorrows are enlarged, make haste for my deliverance, and bring me out of all these troubles; and though heart and flesh fail me, bring Thou my soul to life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments I have richly deserved; yet I entreat Thee, most merciful Father, remember not the sins of my youth, nor my many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy, defend

me from all harm and danger of body and soul; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O LORD, mercifully drive away from Thy people the destructive fury of disease, together with their sins; that as Thou deservedly scourgest them when they go astray, Thou mayest cherish them with Thy pity when they are brought back. Amen.

O LORD, give ear to the devout supplications of Thy people, and mercifully turn the ills that afflict them; that the hearts of men may know that these scourges proceed from Thy indignation, and cease by Thy compassion. Amen.

O LORD, Who correctest with discipline and cherishest with forgiveness, Who healest with smiting and strengthenest in healing; grant that, having tasted Thy sweetness by faith, I may enjoy the fulness of Thy delights in the day of retribution; through Thy mercy. Amen.

In Time of Tempest or Earthquake.

O LORD, my God, be Thou my Defence, and keep me in safety; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, protect me amid these terrors, and save the soul that cleaves to Thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE winds obey Thee, O God, and the earth trembleth at Thy word. Silence their tumult, O most Mighty, and deliver me, that I be not overwhelmed by Thy wrath. Amen.

UNDER the shadow of Thy wings I trust, O Thou Almighty Ruler of the world! Let not Thy mercy fail me, nor Thy peace depart from me; for Christ's sake. Amen.

GREAT is Thy Power, and Thy Majesty, O God! Thou art my Rock and my Fortress; of whom shall I be afraid! Thou art my salvation; wherefore should I fear! In Thee will I trust though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be cast into the midst of the sea. Amen.

THY praise, O God, shall ever be in my mouth; for Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth forever. Amen.

In Time of Darkness and Deep Distress.

DEAR LORD AND SAVIOUR, Who camest into the world To seek and to save that which was lost; lift up my soul from its depression and darkness; refresh me with Thy mercy; and suffer not the enemy to triumph over me, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

O MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, Who hast promised not to break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking wick; pity Thine unworthy servant whose spirit is sore broken. My sins and my iniquities are heavy upon me, let me not perish everlastingly; give me hope in Thy mercy, for therein do I trust. Amen.

O LORD MY GOD, cut me not off from the cheering light of Thy countenance, as my sins have deserved; and for Jesus' sake hide not Thy face from me. Amen.

HELP me, O most merciful Father, and say unto my soul, "I am Thy salvation;" that I may yet hope in Thee, Who art the Health of my countenance and my God. Amen.

In Time of Penitential Humiliation.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who art of purer eyes than to look with allowance upon sin, cover my sins with the righteousness of Jesus Christ, that they may no more come against me forever. Amen.

O GOD, without Whose mercy I am undone by reason of my many sins; give me not over to the everlasting death which I have merited, but save me out of all tribulations; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

HEAR my prayer, O merciful Father, to Whom I make acknowledgment of my sins, and cast me not away from Thy favor and Thy most gracious deliverance; for Jesus Christ my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

FOR the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy dear Son, pardon mine iniquity, O God, for it is great; and lift me up by the refreshing of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may truly serve Thee, and ever give glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one Almighty and Eternal God, world without end. Amen.

In Time of Sickness.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, Who hast seen fit to lay Thine hand upon me; grant that my bodily sufferings may make better my heart, by leading me into closer communion with Thyself; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O THOU Father of spirits, Who chastenest whom Thou lovest, and scourgest every son whom Thou receivest; endue me with patience and resignation, that I may humble myself under Thy mighty hand, and in true faith, hope and charity await the issue of Thy good will and pleasure. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast shown that here I have no continuing city; assist my soul in the seeking of one to come; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

O GOD, the God of all grace, Who hast called me unto Thine eternal glory by Christ Jesus; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, and go hence, I beseech Thee to perfect Thy work in me, that, when the earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, I may be clothed upon with that house which is from heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, my adorable Lord and Saviour. Amen.

INTO Thy hands, O Father, I commit my soul and body, praying evermore to be numbered with those whom Thou hast redeemed, and in life and death to praise the Eternal Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HEAL my body and restore me to life, O God, if such be Thy gracious will; but above all grant me thorough healing for my soul, that I may live with Thee forever; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

In Time of Nearing Death.

BLESSED JESUS, Who diedst upon the cross for me; let that death of Thine serve to sweeten mine, that when I pass through the waters they may not overflow me. Amen.

DEAR SAVIOUR! when Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. I pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood, and make me to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

O BLESSED JESUS. Who hast loved me, and washed me from my sins in Thine own blood, receive my spirit. Amen.

THANKS be unto God Who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Amen and Amen.

XIV. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS FOR OCCASIONS OF THANKSGIVING.

General Thanksgiving.

IT is truly meet, right, and salutary, that I should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God; therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the Company of heaven, I laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy

glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

On Deliverance from Peril and Danger.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who healest by chastening, and preservest by pardoning; grant to Thy suppliant, that I may both rejoice in the comfort of the tranquillity I have desired, and also use the gift of Thy peace for the effectual amendment of my life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

On Recovery from Serious Sickness.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the God of my life, and my portion forever; it is by Thy merciful goodness that I live, therefore I praise Thee from the depths of my soul, and pray for grace to bless Thy Name with abounding good works; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

On Passing the Perils of Childbirth.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, Who hast heard my voice and my supplications; accept my humble thanksgiving for Thy great goodness to me and mine, in bringing me safely through all my pains and perils. Amen.

On the Birth of a Child.

I THANK Thee, O gracious Father, for the child Thou hast given me. Bestow upon it Thy grace, that its life may be spared, that it may become a useful member of Thy holy family, and a blessing to the world; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Parents and Guardians.

I THANK Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for Thy manifold goodness, grace, and blessing bestowed upon me through those whose parental care has been over me. Reward them richly for their pains, and cast them not away in the time of old age. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Prosperity.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, from Whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift; I thank Thee for the good success and prosperity Thou hast given me; and pray Thee for grace to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with my God; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

On Safe Return from a Journey.

O GOD, All-powerful and ever Gracious; praise be to Thy holy Name, that Thou hast preserved my going out, and my coming in. Help me, O Father, to show my thanks by the keeping of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Creation, Preservation, and Redemption.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD; I bless Thee for my creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And I beseech Thee, give me that due sense of all Thy mercies, that my heart may be unfeignedly thankful, and that I may show forth Thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life; that,

walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days, I may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

XV. PRAYERS AND COLLECTS FOR USE BY PARTICULAR PERSONS.

For the Use of a Child.

MY FATHER, Who art in heaven, Who hast made me and all things, and dost keep me every night and every day; teach me to love and fear Thee, and bless me now and always. Amen.

O GOD, bless my father and mother, my dear friends, and everybody; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

FORGIVE me, O Lord, for the wrong that I have done, and take me when I die to be with my Saviour in heaven. Amen.

For the Use of a Young Person.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father in heaven, help me to remember my Creator in the days of my youth, and truly to love and fear Thee all the days of my life. Amen.

GRANT me grace, O God, always to reverence and obey Thy Holy word, that I may become useful in my day and generation, and come to everlasting happiness in heaven; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast called me into being, and Whose grace and mercy I need every hour; guide, support, and strengthen me in all the dangers and temptations that surround me, that I fall not into the condemnation of the wicked. Amen.

O GRACIOUS FATHER, make me truly Thy child, that, seeking Thee early, I may find Thee my ever faithful Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

For the Use of a Student.

ALMIGHTY GOD, source of all light and wisdom; look graciously upon me, and prosper and direct me in my studies, that they may redound to Thy glory, and my present and eternal good; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

ENLIGHTEN me, O God, by Thy truth, and quicken my understanding by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may increase in knowledge and in the love and fear of Thee. Amen.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, and breathe into me the Spirit of Jesus, that as He gave His heart to His Father's business, and increased in wisdom and in favor with God and Man, I also through fear of the Lord may get understanding, and the knowledge of God. Amen.

For the Use of One Engaged in Business.

ETERNAL AND EVER BLESSED SON OF GOD, Who hast taught us that no man can serve two masters, and that it is not possible to serve God and Mammon; mercifully incline my heart to Thy truth, that I

may seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and so follow and keep Thy Word as always to be Thy servant indeed. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who givest both the skill and the power to devise and accomplish useful purposes; grant unto Thy servant health both of mind and body, that he may love Thee with his whole strength, and with his whole heart perform those things which are pleasing to Thee; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUFFER me not, O merciful Father, to fall into the snares and temptations of those who haste to be rich; and grant me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may follow after justice, faith, love, patience and meekness, to the praise of Thy holy Name. Amen.

For the Use of One in Choosing a Companion.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father in heaven, from whom is every good wife and every faithful husband; mercifully grant the aid and determinations of Thy Holy Spirit so to sanctify me, that in making choice and decision for a companion of my life, Thy wisdom may be my guide, and Thy favor be my reward, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of a Husband.

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom it hath seemed good that man should not be alone; behold me with Thy gracious favor, and bless the wife Thou hast given me; that serving Thee faithfully, we may happily walk together, enjoy Thy manifold mercies in this life, and not fail of eternal blessedness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Use of a Wife.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who madest man of the dust of the earth, and woman out of his side to be a help meet for him; behold me with Thy gracious favor and in Thy mercy bless and preserve that dear person whom Thou hast given to be my husband, that his life may be long, useful, holy and happy, and that, having faithfully served Thee in this life, we may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Use of an Expected Mother.

REGARD Thine handmaid in mercy, O God, and be my Helper and Strength amid the perils that surround me, keep my mind in perfect peace through steadfast faith in Thee, and when mine hour comes, support me in my pains, and grant me a safe and speedy deliverance; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For Use of One in a Subordinate Station.

O GOD, Father in heaven, Who hast ordained various relations and conditions for Thy children; give me grace always to accept with cheerful and thankful heart what Thy wisdom and goodness assign to me; and as the blessed Master took upon Him the form of a servant, yet lives and reigns in heaven, grant that with ready mind I may fulfil my duty here, and by His mercy come to the blessedness of life eternal. Amen.

For the Use of One Going on a Journey.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of all them that put their trust in Thee, the Ruler of nature, the Hearer of prayer, and the Guardian of the righteous; have me

in Thy holy keeping, that no evil befall me in body or soul, and that surely trusting in Thy protection I may be furthered by Thy gracious help, and seasonably return in safety; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of One on Sea.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Refuge and Protector of the sons of men, who spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; preserve and keep me amid the perils of the great deep; especially deliver me from sin and from despair of Thy mercy, that with heart set to do Thy will I may have all confidence in Thy gracious protection, and surmount all fear by fear of Thee; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of One in Prosperity.

GRACIOUS FATHER in heaven, fill my heart with love and gratitude for Thy manifold mercies, and give me that due sense of the account I must render for the same, that, as a good and faithful steward, I may rightly improve and administer Thy gifts, and not fail of eternal riches; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of a Parent.

O GOD, Who hast said that children are a heritage from the Lord; aid me by Thy Holy Spirit to set a right example before those whom Thou hast given me, to surround them with good and wholesome influences, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to lead their souls in the way of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of One Under Great Responsibilities, or Engaged with High and Difficult Duties.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Disposer of all things, with Whom is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; have mercy upon me, and make me of quick understanding in Thy fear, that being taught of Thee I may not be left to my own erring spirit, but always be led in the way I should go, to the praise of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of a Physician.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who by Thy Holy Spirit givest manifold gifts unto Thy servants; have mercy upon me, and grant me Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify me in body and soul, and to increase in me the gift of healing, that I may effectually exercise the same; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of a Counsellor or Advocate.

EVERLASTING AND ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR, whose Name is Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, and Who by Thy great mercy hast become my Advocate; be gracious to me, and send forth Thy Holy Spirit into my soul to sanctify my mind and body, that I may always know, counsel and maintain the right, and never err from Thy Law. Amen.

For the Use of a Church Officer.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who for the edifying of Thy Church hast ordained various helps and governments, and set therein every member as it has pleased

Thee; have mercy upon me, and grant me Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify me in soul and body, that I may set before Thy people a good example, and exercise my office with faithfulness and all humility; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of a Teacher of the Young.

ETERNAL AND EVER BLESSED GOD, Who teachest man knowledge; grant me Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify me in soul and body, that I may be able to guide and instruct those whom Thou hast committed to my care, that they may be led into the way of truth, and learn to walk in Thy fear; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

For the Use of Pastors and Ministers.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who hast created me, and called me to salvation in Christ Jesus, and made me a preacher of Thy Gospel, a shepherd of Thy flock, and a steward of Thy sacred mysteries; have mercy upon me, and grant me Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify my soul and body, that I may realize the solemnity of my office, and fulfil its duties faithfully with constant reference to the coming again of my Saviour to reckon with His servants. Amen.

O GOD, the Creator and Ruler of the World, Who in Thine infinite mercies hast granted me to serve Thy heavenly mysteries; favorably regard the prayers of Thy servant, and send down Thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen me, to guide me into all truth, and to work in me that sufficiency for my office which of myself I cannot have, that I may teach, guide, feed,

watch over, and nurture the immortal souls committed unto me, and that I may give account of them with joy; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, have mercy upon Thine unworthy servant, and so replenish me with Thy heavenly grace, that in all ways, in all things, and in all times, I may do the work which Thou hast assigned me, and approve myself unto Thee a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Amen.

BE merciful, O God, to the people to whom I minister in holy things, and to me Thy servant, that I may afford to them an example of a right conversation, and that my ministry may have its reward in their everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

O GOD, the Fountain of goodness, and Source of all kindness, Who dost not straightway condemn the sinner, but waitest compassionately for his repentance; wash away the foulness of my offences and cleanse the thoughts of my heart by Thy Holy Spirit, and make me meet to perform the office laid upon me; that I, who have unworthily undertaken and tremblingly execute the ministration of Thy house, may be rendered strong to perform it, and be found justified among those who have pleased Thee; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

HELP and bless me, O God, in the study of Thy most holy Word, that I may have a right knowledge of Thy truth, and preach it in right spirit, to the edification of Thy people; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, Who hast commanded Thy servants to watch, as they know not what hour their Lord cometh; graciously assist me by Thy heavenly grace to give to Thy household meat in due season, that when my Lord cometh I may be found so doing, and inherit the blessing of a faithful and wise servant. Amen.

O HOLY, true and ever blessed Saviour, Who hast the key of David, and settest an open door which no man can shut before them that keep the word of Thy patience, and have not denied Thy Name; strengthen me to understand Thy Word, to hold it faithfully, and to preach it truly, that with Thy favored people I may be kept from the hour of temptation, and not fail to receive Thy great and precious promises. Amen.

LOOK down from heaven, O Christ, on Thy flock, and upon the lambs of Thy fold, and bless them in their souls and their bodies, that all who are marked by Thy Baptism may be Thine in the day of judgment. Amen.

GRACIOUSLY cast Thy light, O Lord, upon Thy Church, that Thy flock may everywhere go on and prosper, and its Pastors by Thy governance become acceptable to Thy majesty, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

PART THIRD.

The Holy Promises.

JESUS OUR LORD, ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN UNTO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE: WHEREBY ARE GIVEN UNTO US EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES: THAT BY THESE YE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD.—2 *Pet.* 1:2-4.

HAVING THEREFORE THESE PROMISES, DEARLY BELOVED, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.—2 *Cor.* 7:1.

FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN CHRIST ARE YEA, AND IN HIM AMEN, UNTO THE GLORY OF GOD.—2 *Cor.* 1:20.

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH TO GRASP THE PROMISES.

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given unto Thy people exceeding great and precious promises; grant the aid of Thy Holy Spirit that I may lay hold on the same, and be always comforted and assured by the greatness of Thy mercy against all evils; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

AGAINST THE FEAR OF TROUBLE.

THOU art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.—Ps. 32:6, 7.

There shall no evil happen to the just.—PROV. 12:21.

For the Lord is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Ps. 84:11.

In the Experience of Trouble.

I WILL turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. —Jer. 31 : 13.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.—Ps. 34 : 19.

I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God.—Ps. 42 : 11.

Thou shalt quicken me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth.—Ps. 71 : 20.

In the Continuance of Trouble.

THE Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.—Ps. 18 : 2.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.—Ps. 9 : 9.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. —Ps. 55 : 22.

As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.—2 Cor. 1 : 5.

In Threatened Sickness.

SERVE the Lord thy God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of Thee.—Ex. 23 : 25.

Let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger?—Jonah 3 : 8, 9.

In Sickness.

RETURN unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal.—Hos. 6:1.

If any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not, he will deliver his soul from going down to the pit, and his life shall see the light.—Job 33: 27, 28.

Behold, I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jer. 33:6.

In Sickness Long Continued.

THE Lord is gracious, and full of compassion. He hath given meat to them that fear Him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.—Ps. 111: 4, 5.

He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.—2 Cor. 12:9.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in sickness.—Ps. 41:3.

In Threatening Death.

WHAT man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.—Ps. 34: 12–14.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days.—Prov. 10:27.

Ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you.—Deut. 5:33.

Against Dread of Want.

THE young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.—Ps. 34 : 10.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. 6 : 33.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Ps. 37 : 3.

Against Threatening Famine, Poverty and Need.

BEHOLD, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.—Ps. 33 : 18, 19.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.—Isa. 41 : 17.

My God shall supply all your need.—Phil. 4 : 19.

In Suffering from Enemies.

THE Lord your God ye shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the hands of all your enemies.—2 Kings 17 : 39.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.—Isa. 54 : 17.

Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I

tell you that He will avenge them speedily.—LUKE 18: 7, 8.

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.—ROM. 12: 19, 20.

UNDER SLANDER.

BLESSED are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.—MATT. 5: 11, 12.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.—Ps. 37: 5, 6.

WHEN A STRANGER, DESOLATE OR FRIENDLESS.

THE Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.—DEUT. 10: 17, 18.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. —JNO. 14: 18.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Ps. 31: 24.

IN SORROW AND ALARM FOR SIN.

TO this man will I look, even to him that is of a poor and contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.—ISA. 66: 2.

Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.—ISA. 1:8.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—MATT. 11:28.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.—MATT. 5:4.

IN SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

IN returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—ISA. 30:15.

Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.—JNO. 6:37.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 JNO. 1:9.

Son, be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee.—MATT. 9:2.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.—1 JNO. 1:7.

IN EXERCISING FAITH.

WHOSOEVER believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.—ROM. 10:11.

The just shall live by faith.—GAL. 3:11.

These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.—JNO. 20:31.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.—GAL. 3:26.

To him that believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.—ROM. 4:5.

He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.—JNO. 5:24.

IN PRAYER.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—LUKE 11:9.

Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.—Ps. 81:10.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—JNO. 15:7.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that are desired of Him.—1 JNO. 5:14, 15.

IN OBEDIENCE AND GOOD WORKS.

YE are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you.—JNO. 15:14.

Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother. —MATT. 12:50.

We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.—EPH. 2:10.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. —JNO. 13:17.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His Name. —HEB. 6:10.

In humble Waiting on the Lord.

LET your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.—Luke 12 : 35–37.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.—Isa. 40 : 31.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.—Matt. 24 : 46, 47.

In that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto Him, Where [whither], Lord? And He said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.—Luke 17 : 34–37.

In the Fear of God.

UNTO you which fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.—Mal. 4 : 2.

Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.—Rom. 8 : 15.

The fear of the Lord is His treasure.—Isa. 33 : 6.

In the Exercise of Charity.

IF ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.—Matt. 6 : 14.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.—Luke 6 : 38.

The liberal soul shall be made fat.—Prov. 11 : 25.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Gal. 5 : 14.

He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.—1 Jno. 4 : 16.

And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.—1 Cor. 13 : 13.

When disheartened by the Prosperity of the Wicked.

BETTER is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.—Prov. 26 : 6.

The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.—Job 17 : 9.

The Lord forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever.—Ps. 37 : 28.

In Trials and Temptations.

BLESSED is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.—James 1 : 12.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation

also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it.—1 Cor. 10 : 13.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out.—Rev. 3 : 12.

In Dark Providences.

WHAT I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.—Jno. 13 : 7.

Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.—1 Cor. 13 : 12.

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18 : 25.

When Faint and Disconsolate.

GOD is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. 9 : 8.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart.—Ps. 27 : 14.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be.—Deut. 32 : 25.

In Doubt of Ultimate Salvation.

SAID I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?—Jno. 11 : 40.

Fear not, believe only.—Luke 8 : 50.

He that hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—Phil. 1 : 6.

If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8 : 31.

Against the Fear of Death.

FEAR not; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.—Rev. 1 : 17, 18.

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.—ISA. 43 : 1–3.

Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers.—DEUT. 31 : 16.

IN THE APPROACH OF DEATH.

CHRIST shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ; and to die is gain.—PHIL. 1 : 20, 21.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.—2 TIM. 1 : 12.

My flesh also shall rest in hope.—PS. 16 : 9.

BEYOND DEATH.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.—JOB 19 : 25, 26.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.—REV. 14 : 13.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 COR. 15 : 20–22.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.—JNO. 14 : 1, 2.

In the Judgment-time.

WE shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.—1 Cor. 15 : 51, 52.

We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.—Phil. 3 : 20, 21.

The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.—1 Thess. 4 : 16, 17.

I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the Throne said, Behold I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.—Rev. 21 : 3–5.

Prayer for the Consummation.

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom the whole creation in ailment and captivity crieth, groaning and travailing in pain together to be delivered; Hasten that day

of consummated Redemption for which the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth, when Thy children shall be manifested in liberty and glory with Him whom the heavens have received until the times of restitution of all things. Amen.

COME FORTH out of Thy royal chamber, O Prince of all the Kings of the earth! Put on the visible robes of Thy Imperial Majesty, and take up that unlimited sceptre which Thy Almighty Father hath bequeathed Thee; for now the voice of Thy Bride calleth Thee, and all creatures sigh to be renewed. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN, in whose victorious Cross and heavenly dominion Thy faithful people rejoice in hope; stir up Thy mighty power and come, that those who by Thy grace have obtained renewal of their souls to spiritual life, may by Thy potency have regeneration of their bodies by resurrection to glorious immortality. Amen.

O LORD, my God and Saviour, seated at the right hand of the Father, whence Thou shalt come to judge the quick and the dead; speedily fulfil Thy blessed purposes, and grant me Thy Spirit that I may keep my garments, and be found of Thee in peace, without spot, and blameless. Amen and Amen.

PART FOURTH.

A Text for Every Day.

O EARTH, EARTH, EARTH, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD.

JANUARY 1.

JESUS CHRIST, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.—HEB. 13 : 8.

January 2.

THIS is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.—MATT. 17 : 5.

January 3.

NEITHER is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.—ACTS 4 : 12.

January 4.

I WILL put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.—HEB. 8 : 10

January 5.

WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—ROM. 10 : 13.

January 6.

BLESSED is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.—PS. 89 : 15.

January 7.

WIST ye not that I must be about my Father's business?—LUKE 2:49.

January 8.

THIS is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.—JNO. 17:3.

January 9.

SET your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.—COL. 3:2, 3.

January 10.

IN Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.—Ps. 89:16.

January 11.

LOVE not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.—1 JNO. 2:15.

January 12.

LAY up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.—MATT. 6:20.

January 13.

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.—ECCL. 12:1.

January 14.

EXCEPT ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.—MATT. 18 : 3.

January 15.

BE not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.—2 TIM. 1 : 8.

January 16.

LET my heart be sound in Thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.—Ps. 119 : 80.

January 17.

BY mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.—PROV. 16 : 6.

January 18.

I LOVE them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.—PROV. 8 : 17.

January 19.

BUT many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.—MATT. 19 : 30.

January 20.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.—LUKE 10 : 27.

January 21.

AND let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—GAL. 6 : 9.

January 22.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—GAL. 6 : 2.

January 23.

EVEN to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made and I will hear; even I will carry and will deliver you.—ISA. 46 : 4.

January 24.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.—LUKE 6 : 36.

January 25.

ALL the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.—Ps. 25 : 10.

January 26.

EVERY word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.—PROV. 30 : 5.

January 27.

PUT on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.—EPH. 6 : 11.

January 28.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.—EPH. 5 : 1, 2.

January 29.

FIGHT the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.—1 TIM. 6 ; 12.

January 30.

SO then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—ROM. 14 : 12.

January 31.

WATCH ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.—1 COR. 16 : 13.

FEBRUARY 1.

I AM the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.—JNO. 14 : 6.

February 2.

HEARKEN unto Me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep My ways.—PROV. 8: 32.

February 3.

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—DEUT. 33 : 27.

February 4.

WHOSOEVER doth not bear his cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.—LUKE 14 : 27.

February 5.

WHEREFORE God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a city.—HEB. 11 : 16.

February 6.

CONDEMN not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.—LUKE 6 : 37.

February 7.

STRIVE to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.—LUKE 13 : 24.

February 8.

HER ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.—PROV. 3 : 17.

February 9.

THE path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—PROV. 4 : 18.

February 10.

I HAVE kept me from the paths of the destroyer. Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.—Ps. 17 : 4, 5.

February 11.

TAKE my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.—MATT. 11 : 29, 30.

February 12.

CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.—ECCLES. 11 : 1.

February 13.

FEAR God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—ECCLES. 12 : 13.

February 14.

IF thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—MARK 9 : 23.

February 15.

FEAR thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.—ISA. 41 : 10.

February 16.

TAKE heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.—LUKE 11 : 35.

February 17.

TAKE heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—LUKE 12 : 15.

February 18.

WHOSOEVER shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God.—LUKE 12 : 8.

February 19.

HE that hath no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.—PROV. 25 : 28.

February 20.

BE not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.—GAL. 6 : 7, 8.

February 21.

UNTO you which believe, He is precious.—1 PET. 2 : 7.

February 22.

HE hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.—LUKE 4 : 18.

February 23.

BE ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 COR. 15 : 58.

February 2_.

BE still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. —Ps. 46 : 10.

February 25.

I AM He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.—REV. 2 : 23.

February 26.

GOD is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, He will whet His sword; He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.—Ps. 7 : 11, 12.

February 27.

I PRESS toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—PHIL. 3 : 14.

February 28.

GOD hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.—ACTS 10 : 28.

February 29.

OF a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.—ACTS 10 : 34, 35.

MARCH 1.

WHAT shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?—MARK 8 : 36, 37.

March 2.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.—HEB. 12 : 5, 6.

March 3.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.—Ps. 103 : 13.

March 4.

TRULY the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom He is betrayed.—LUKE 22 : 22.

March 5.

PRAY that ye enter not into temptation.—LUKE 22 : 40.

March 6.

DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.—LUKE 23 : 28.

March 7.

O MY Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt.—MATT. 26 : 39.

March 8.

IF thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.—PROV. 24 : 10.

March 9.

IF any man serve Me, him will my Father honor.—JNO. 12 : 26.

March 10.

I AM the good Shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—JNO. 10 : 11.

March 11.

YE are bought with a price : therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.—1 COR. 6 : 20.

March 12.

OUR light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.—2 COR. 4 : 17, 18.

March 13.

PERSECUTED, but not forsaken : cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus.—2 COR. 4 : 9.

March 14.

O JERUSALEM, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved.—JER. 4 : 14.

March 15.

HE that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.—Ps. 126 : 6.

March 16.

WHEN he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.—Job 23 : 10.

March 17.

ABSTAIN from fleshy lusts, which war against the soul.—1 Pet. 2 : 11.

March 18.

LOOK unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, there is none else.—Isa. 45 : 22.

March 19.

CHOOSING rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.—Heb. 11 : 25.

March 20.

FATHER, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.—Luke 23 : 46.

March 21.

HE is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.—1 Jno. 2 : 2.

March 22.

IN whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.—Eph. 1 : 7.

March 23.

THE chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.—ISA. 53 : 5.

March 24.

FATHER, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory.—JNO. 17 : 24.

March 25.

PEACE I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—JNO. 14 : 27.

March 26.

GREATER love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—JNO. 15 : 13.

March 27.

WHEN Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost.—JNO. 19 : 30.

March 28.

THEY shall look on Him whom they pierced.—JNO. 19 : 37.

March 29.

THOU hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.—PS. 27 : 9.

March 30.

HE came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.—JNO. 1 : 11, 12.

March 31.

GOD sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.—JNO. 3 : 17.

APRIL 1.

CHRIST also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water, by the Word.—EPH. 5 : 25, 26.

April 2.

THE Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. —MATT. 20 : 28.

April 3.

BELOVED, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.—1 JNO. 4 : 11.

April 4.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.—GAL. 6 : 14.

April 5.

BLESSED is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.—PS. 40 : 4.

April 6.

BEHOLD, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.—ISA. 49 : 16.

April 7.

IF the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?—1 PET. 4 : 18.

April 8.

YOU hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.—EPH. 2 : 1.

April 9.

BY His knowledge shall my righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.—ISA. 53 : 11.

April 10.

JESUS CHRIST, who is the faithful Witness, and the First-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth, that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.—REV. 1 : 5.

April 11.

I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.—2 TIM. 1 : 12.

April 12.

WEEPING may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—PS. 30 : 5.

April 13.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.—ROM. 8 : 1.

April 14.

NOW if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.—ROM. 6 : 8.

April 15.

A BRUISED reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory.—MATT. 12 : 20.

April 16.

HE shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.—ISA. 40 : 11.

April 17.

SEE that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.—1 THESS. 5 : 15.

April 18.

I AM the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.—JNO. 15 : 5.

April 19.

WHO is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. —ROM. 8 : 34.

April 20.

BEHOLD, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.—ISA. 59 : 1.

April 21.

MY thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.—ISA. 55 : 8.

April 22.

MY heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.—Ps. 16 : 9.

April 23.

WALK in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.—GAL. 5 : 16.

April 24.

PRIDE goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—PROV. 16 : 18.

April 25.

ONE thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her. —LUKE 10 : 42.

April 26.

TAKE heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.—HEB. 3 : 12.

April 27.

HE that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?—ROM. 8 : 32.

April 28.

IT doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.—1 JNO. 3:2.

April 29.

WHEREFORE take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.—EPH. 6:13.

April 30.

SING unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord: for He hath delivered the soul of the poor.—JER. 20:13.

MAY 1.

I AM the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.—JNO. 6: 35.

May 2.

WE know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.—1 JNO. 3:14.

May 3.

MY mother and My brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.—LUKE 8:21.

May 4.

HOW shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.—HEB. 2:3.

May 5.

ABOVE all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.—1 PET 4: 8.

May 6.

WHOSOEVER shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.—MATT. 10 : 42.

May 7.

WHO shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee.—REV. 15 : 14.

May 8.

THOUGH He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.—LAM. 3 : 32.

May 9.

THERE is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.—ISA. 57 : 21.

May 10.

BECAUSE sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.—ECCLES. 8 : 11.

May 11.

FOR precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.—ISA. 28 : 10.

May 12.

IF in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?—JER. 12 : 5.

May 13.

THE God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.—Ps. 68 : 35.

May 14.

REMEMBER Lot's wife.—LUKE 17 : 32.

May 15.

HE that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.—JNO. 13 : 10.

May 16.

BEHOLD, I have refined thee, but not with silver: I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.—ISA. 48 : 10.

May 17.

EXHORT one another daily, while it is called To-day, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.—HEB. 3 : 13.

May 18.

WITHOUT faith it is impossible to please Him.—HEB. 11 : 6.

May 19.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God.—1 JNO. 3 : 1.

May 20.

WHY art thou cast down, O my soul; and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God.—Ps. 42 : 11.

May 21.

I WILL make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.—Isa. 55 : 3.

May 22.

TAKE therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.—Matt. 6 : 34.

May 23.

BE sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.—1 Pet. 5 : 8.

May 24.

WHEREFORE He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Heb. 7 : 25.

May 25.

BE diligent, that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.—2 Pet. 3 : 14.

May 26.

BE thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2 : 10.

May 27.

IF a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.—JOHN 14:23.

May 28.

THE Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart.—DEUT. 13: 3.

May 29.

THE anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you.—1 JNO. 2:27.

May 30.

THE world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—1 JNO. 2:17.

May 31.

FOR ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.—2 COR. 8:9.

JUNE 1.

TO this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.—ROM. 14: 9.

June 2.

THEY shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.—MAL. 3:17.

June 3.

BREAK up your fallow-ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you.—Hos. 10:12.

June 4.

SPEAK ye every man the truth to his neighbor: execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates. —Zech. 8:16.

June 5.

WHAT doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah 6:8.

June 6.

LET us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—Heb. 12:1.

June 7.

BECAUSE ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.—Gal. 4:6.

June 8.

THE earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.—Ps. 24:1.

June 9.

TURN you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope. Even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee.—Zech. 9:12.

June 10.

I LIVE; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.—Gal. 2:20.

June 11.

GRIEVE not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.—EPH. 4 : 30.

June 12.

HAVE no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.—EPH. 5 : 11.

June 13.

EXCEPT a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—JNO. 3 ; 5.

June 14.

A NEW heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.—EZEK. 36 ; 26.

June 15.

YE shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. —EZEK. 36 ; 28.

June 16.

I FEAR the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.—JONAH 1 : 9.

June 17.

NO man is justified by the law in the sight of God; for the just shall live by faith.—GAL. 3 : 11.

June 18.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.—1 COR. 13 : 1.

June 19.

BE not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.—ROM. 12:2.

June 20.

HIM that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.—ROM. 14:1.

June 21.

IN Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.—GAL. 5: 6

June 22.

WALK in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.—COL. 4:5.

June 23.

GOD hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 THESS. 5:9.

June 24.

CONTINUE thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.—2 TIM. 3:14.

June 25.

LET us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.—HEB. 4:1.

June 26.

WITH the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—ROM. 10 : 10.

June 27.

EVERY good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.—MATT. 7 : 17–20.

June 28.

BEHOLD, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.—JAS. 5 : 11.

June 29.

LET the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him.—ISA. 55 : 7.

June 30.

EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. —JAS. 1 : 17.

JULY 1.

NOT that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.—MATT. 15 : 11.

July 2.

FOLLOW peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.—HEB. 12 : 14.

July 3.

STAND therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.—EPH. 6 : 14, 15.

July 4.

NOT using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.—1 PET. 2 : 16.

July 5.

ESTEEMING the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.—HEB. 11 : 26.

July 6.

HEREIN do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men.—ACTS 24 : 16.

July 7.

I WOULD to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.—ACTS 26 : 29.

July 8.

FOR not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.—2 COR. 10 : 18.

July 9.

IT is one God which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith.—ROM. 3 : 30.

July 10.

WHO is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.—1 JNO. 5 ; 5.

July 11.

LET us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: for He is faithful that promised.—HEB. 10 : 23.

July 12.

THAT they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.—ACTS 17 : 27.

July 13.

IN the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world.—JNO. 16 : 33.

July 14.

IT is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.—LUKE 18 : 25.

July 15.

COME, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. —MATT. 25 : 34.

July 16.

FOLLOW after charity, and desire spiritual gifts.—1 COR. 14 : 1.

July 17.

NOT every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father, which is in heaven.—MATT. 7 : 21.

July 18.

I CAN do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—PHILIPPIANS 4 : 13.

July 19.

AWAKE, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.—EPH. 5 : 14.

July 20.

I WILL look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.—MICAH. 7 : 7.

July 21.

REMEMBER the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.—EX. 20 : 8. Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.—MATT. 8 : 20.

July 22.

THEY that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.—1 TIM. 6 : 9.

July 23.

IF any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be.—JNO. 12 : 26.

July 24.

GIVE me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me!—PROV. 30 : 8.

July 25.

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. —Ps. 51 : 17.

July 26.

LET me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.—NUMB. 23 : 10.

July 27.

THE life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.—GAL. 2 : 20.

July 28.

GIVE diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. —2 PET. 1 : 10.

July 29.

TO be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.—ROM. 8: 6.

July 30.

A MAN that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—PROV. 18 : 24.

July 31.

THE foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.—2 TIM. 2 : 19.

AUGUST 1.

BE not carried away with diverse and strange doctrines; for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.—HEB. 13 : 9.

August 2.

HOW then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?—GEN. 39 : 9.

August 3.

THE fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.—GAL. 5 : 22, 23.

August 4.

THE Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.—RUTH 2 : 12.

August 5.

AFTER all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that Thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; should we again break Thy commandments?—EZRA 9 : 13, 14.

August 6.

THOU art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—NEH. 9 : 17.

August 7.

TAKE good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God.—JOSH. 23 : 11.

August 8.

FOR the needy shall not always be forgotten, the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.—Ps. 9 : 18.

August 9.

NOW set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise, therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God.—1 CHRON. 22 : 19.

August 10.

THERE is no God like Thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and showest mercy unto Thy servants, that walk before Thee with all their hearts.—2 CHRON. 6 : 14.

August 11.

HOW great are His signs! and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.—DAN. 4 : 3.

August 12.

COME, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.—HOSEA 6 : 1.

August 13.

REND your hearts and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful.—JOEL 2 : 13.

August 14.

UPON Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.—OBADIAH 1 : 17.

August 15.

THE Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.—NAHUM 1:7.

August 16.

FOR the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. —HABAK. 2:14.

August 17.

THE Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing. —ZEPH. 3:17.

August 18.

THEY that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.—DAN. 12: 3.

August 19.

THUS saith the Lord of Hosts, Consider your ways.—HAG. 1:7.

August 20.

FROM the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.—Ps. 61:2.

August 21.

THE rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.—PROV. 22:2.

August 22.

I HAVE seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold all is vanity and vexation of spirit. ECCLES. 1:14.

August 23.

THAT being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.—TITUS 3:7.

August 24.

I KNOW the thoughts, that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil.—JER. 29: 11.

August 25.

IF our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.—1 JNO. 3:20.

August 26.

SEEK good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of Hosts, shall be with you.—AMOS 5:14.

August 27.

TURN ye from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers.—2 KINGS 17:13.

August 28.

ONLY fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.—1 SAML. 12:24.

August 29.

THE God of my Rock; in Him will I trust; He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation; my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour.—2 SAML. 22:3.

August 30.

HE brought me into the banqueting-house, and His banner over me was love.—SONG OF SOL. 2 : 4.

August 31.

MY beloved is mine, and I am His: He feedeth among the lilies.—SONG OF SOL. 2 : 16.

SEPTEMBER 1.

LET all Thine enemies perish, O Lord; but let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.—JUDGES 5 : 31.

September 2.

YE shall not tempt the Lord your God.—DEUT. 6 : 16.

September 3.

KEEP yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.—JUDE 21.

September 4.

LITTLE children, keep yourselves from idols.—1 JNO. 5 : 21.

September 5.

HE that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.—2 JNO. 9.

September 6.

I HAVE no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.—3 JNO. 4.

September 7.

WHY transgressest thou the king's commandment? —ESTHER 3 : 3.

September 8.

THUS saith the Lord, the God of David, thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee.—2 KINGS 20 : 5.

September 9.

THE ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.—Ps. 1 : 5.

September 10.

THOUGH He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. He also shall be my salvation.—JOB 13 : 15, 16.

September 11.

THE sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.—ROM. 8 : 18.

September 12.

I WILL pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses.—ISA. 44 : 3, 4.

September 13.

THAT which ye have already, hold fast till I come.—REV. 2 : 25.

September 14.

EYE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.—1 COR. 2 : 9.

September 15.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.—PHILIP. 4 : 7.

September 16.

THE Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom.—2 TIM. 4 : 18.

September 17.

CASTING all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.—1 PET. 5 : 7.

September 18.

I WILL not let Thee go except Thou bless me.—GEN. 32 : 26.

September 19.

WHEN the Chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.—1 PET. 5 : 4.

September 20.

BEHOLD, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.—REV. 3 : 20.

September 21.

THERE is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—LUKE 15 : 10.

September 22.

BE of good cheer: it is I. Be not afraid.—MARK 6 : 50.

September 23.

TO him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne.—REV. 3 : 21.

September 24.

FEAR ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.—MATT. 10 : 31.

September 25.

CAST away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? —EZEK. 18 : 31.

September 26.

THERE is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.—ECCLES. 7 : 20.

September 27.

WHATSOEVER thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest. —ECCLES. 9 : 10.

September 28.

I WILL give him the morning star.—REV. 2 : 28.

September 29.

MY meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.—JNO. 4 : 34.

September 30.

HE which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.—JAS. 5 : 20.

OCTOBER 1.

I AM persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—ROM. 8 : 38, 39.

October 2.

IF ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.—MATT. 6 : 15.

October 3.

JESUS wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him!—JNO. 11 : 35, 36.

October 4.

RENDER, therefore, unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's. LUKE 20 : 25.

October 5.

HEAVEN and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away.—LUKE 21 : 33.

October 6.

IF they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.—LUKE 16 : 31.

October 7.

SEE, then, that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil.—EPH. 5:15, 16.

October 8.

BEWARE, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.—COL. 2:8.

October 9.

AS ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.—LUKE 6:31.

October 10.

CHARGE them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches. —1 TIM. 6:17.

October 11.

HUMBLE yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.—1 PET. 5:6.

October 12.

IT had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.—2 PET. 2:21.

October 13.

HE that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.—REV. 3:5.

October 14.

HAPPY is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.—ROM. 14 : 22.

October 15.

I BESEECH you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—ROM. 12 : 1.

October 16.

WE must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.—2 COR. 5 : 10.

October 17.

DO all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke.—PHIL. 2 : 14, 15.

October 18.

THE heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?—JER. 17 : 9.

October 19.

JESUS saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.—JNO. 20 : 29.

October 20.

THE secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.—Ps. 25 ; 14.

October 21.

BETTER is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.—PROV. 17:1.

October 22.

THE eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—PROV. 15:3.

October 23.

REJOICE, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.—ECCLES. 11:9.

October 24.

PUT ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.—ROM. 13: 14.

October 25.

TO him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.—Ps. 50:23.

October 26.

THE Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—HEB. 13:6.

October 27.

PURE religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. —JAS. 1:27.

October 28.

THE upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.—PROV. 2: 21, 22.

October 29.

HE which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—2 COR. 9:6.

October 30.

I CALL heavēn and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.—DEUT. 30:19.

October 31.

WALK about Zion, and go around about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.—Ps. 48:12, 13.

NOVEMBER 1.

IN the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.—Ps. 94:19.

November 2.

CALL upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.—Ps. 50:15.

November 3.

I WILL call on the Lord who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.—2 SAML. 22:4.

November 4.

A WORD fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—PROV. 25 : 11.

November 5.

AS the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him; for he refresheth the soul of his masters.—PROV. 25 : 13.

November 6.

HE that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase. —ECCLES. 5 : 10.

November 7.

ARISE, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us that we perish not.—JONAH 1 : 6.

November 8.

RETURN unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.—MAL. 3 : 7.

November 9.

THERE be some of them that stand here which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.—MARK 9 : 1.

November 10.

OUT of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things.—MATT. 12 : 34, 35.

November 11.

WHOSOEVER shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein.—MARK 10 : 15.

November 12.

EVERY idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.—MATT. 12 : 36.

November 13.

THE day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.—2 PET. 3 : 10.

November 14.

AND the books were opened: and another book was opened which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books.—REV. 20 ; 12.

November 15.

FEAR not, Abram; I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.—GEN. 15 : 1.

November 16.

THE ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—ISA. 35 : 10.

November 17.

IF ye keep My commandments ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.—JNO. 15 : 10.

November 18.

GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—JNO. 3 : 16.

November 19.

IN God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God.—Ps. 42 : 7.

November 20.

WHEN Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.—COL. 3 : 4.

November 21.

HE that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—JNO. 8 : 12.

November 22.

HENCEFORTH there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day.—2 TIM. 4 : 8.

November 23.

UNTO the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure.—TITUS 1 : 15.

November 24.

LET us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—HEB. 4 : 16.

November 25.

THEY shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger, nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them.—ISA. 49 : 9, 10.

November 26.

ABIDE in Him, that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.—1 JNO. 2 : 28.

November 27.

CAST thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain Thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.—PS. 55 : 22.

November 28.

BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.—MATT. 5 : 6.

November 29.

BLESSED and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.—REV. 20: 6.

November 30.

AND God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.—REV. 21 : 4.

DECEMBER 1.

WE shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.—1 COR. 15 : 51, 52.

December 2.

SEEK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.—ISA. 55 : 6.

December 3.

HO, every one that thirstest, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat. —ISA. 55 : 1.

December 4.

BEHOLD, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.—ISA. 55 : 4.

December 5.

BEHOLD, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just and having salvation.—ZECH. 9 : 9.

December 6.

ALL thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children.—ISA. 54 : 13.

December 7.

BLESSED are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.—MATT. 5 : 9.

December 8.

HE shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.—Ps. 72 : 4.

December 9.

BEHOLD, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming?—MAL. 3 : 1, 2.

December 10.

HE that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.—1 JNO. 5 : 12.

December 11.

WRITE, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.—REV. 19 : 9.

December 12.

I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.—REV. 21 : 6.

December 13.

HE shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.—Ps. 72 : 6.

December 14.

IN that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.—ISA. 12 : 4.

December 15.

KNOWN unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.—ACTS 15 : 18.

December 16.

FOR ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.—HEB. 10 : 36.

December 17.

FOR our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.—PHILIPPIANS 3 : 20.

December 18.

FOR yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.—HEB. 10 : 37.

December 19.

SEEK the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break forth like fire, and there be none to quench it.—AMOS 5 : 6.

December 20.

THE government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God. The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—ISA. 9 : 6.

December 21.

I WILL rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.—HABAK. 3 : 18.

December 22.

PREPARE ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.—MARK 1 : 3.

December 23.

THOU shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.—MATT. 1 : 21.

December 24.

THIS was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.—JNO. 1 : 15.

December 25.

BEHOLD, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—LUKE 2 : 10, 11.

December 26.

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—LUKE 2 : 14.

December 27.

I SAW, and bare record that this is the Son of God.—JNO. 1 : 34.

December 28.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.—LUKE 2 : 29, 30.

December 29.

HE shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner.—MATT. 3 : 11, 12.

December 30.

THE time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel.—MARK 1 : 15.

December 31.

THESE sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.—REV. 22 : 6, 7.

PART FIFTH.

Prayers for Family Use.

God is to be worshiped in the Family, as well as in the closet and the sanctuary.

The head of a household is largely answerable for the welfare of souls under his care; and a sense of religion and dutifulness to God cannot be well maintained in a family without the cultivation of family devotion. It is of precious value in confirming children and servants in religious feeling and reverence, in teaching them their dependence on God, and in helping them to spiritual life.

Every Christian family should make it a part of the domestic arrangements, at suitable times, and regularly, to call the members of the household together, for the hearing of portions of the divine Word and the offering of prayer. If this cannot be done daily, morning or evening, or both, there should be set times for the gathering together of the family for united worship, and above all on Sundays when there is no opportunity to attend worship in the sanctuary.

☞ *A very good and edifying habit is, for the father, or some member of the family, to read the text for the day (as given in pages 103 to 152) at the morning meal.*

In conducting household worship the following forms may prove helpful and edifying, and will admit of ample variety.

These prayers may be used in whole or in part as follows:

I.

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this

day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE PRAISE Thee, O God: We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth: Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious Company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly Fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble Army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee: The father of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

II.

The Litany.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, the Father in heaven;
Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious to us, and help us.
From all sin;
From all error;

From all evil;
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death;
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, The Comforter;
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the Day of Judgment;
Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech Thee,
To hear us, O Lord God;

And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church in the right way;

To preserve all Pastors and Ministers of Thy Church in the true Knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;

To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;

To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;

To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;

To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;

And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and distressed:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord;

To preserve our country from discord and contention;

To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies;

To direct and defend our President, and all in authority;

And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

To protect all who travel by land or water;

To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;

To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows:

And to have mercy upon all men:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;

And graciously to hear our prayers:

We beseech Thee hear us, good Lord.

Our Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

III.

For Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our continual being:

We thank Thee for Thy Tender care of us during the darkness and dangers of the past night, and that Thou hast brought us in peace and comfort to behold this new day; and we humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, to send upon us the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that all darkness of ignorance and sin may be driven away from our souls, that we may walk in the light as Thou art in the light, and that loving and serving Thee in newness of life all our days we may finally awake with all Thine elect in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU, by Whose wisdom we were created, by Whose mercy we were redeemed, and by Whose gracious providence we are upheld and blest: Send forth the light of Thy saving truth upon all people, that they may Know Thee, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. Enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Comfort those who

are bowed down by any want or sorrow. Hasten the day of deliverance for all those whom Satan hath blinded and led astray. And so prosper the labors of Thy servants that Thy Name may be known in all the earth, and the whole world be filled with Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

IV.

For Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast brought us to behold the light of this new day: Send upon us the illumination of Thy Holy Spirit, and drive away all darkness from our hearts, that we may not sleep in sin, but awake to righteousness and walk in the light of Thy truth.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks for Thy goodness and mercy which have followed us all the days of our

life, and grant us grace ever to love and serve Thee, Who art the Author of our being, the Preserver of our lives, and the Benefactor of our souls.

Turn not away from us, O God, by reason of our unworthiness and sins, but graciously hide us under the shadow of Thy wings that no harm may befall us this day, and that our goings and doings may be acceptable in Thy sight.

Remember, O Lord, the congregation of Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed by Thine own blood. Hear the prayers of all them that seek unto Thee, and be very near to the souls that confess Thy Name, that Thy Church may prosper, and Thy Word run and be glorified. Look upon this Vine which Thy right hand hath planted; prune away all thorns from it, that it may bring forth fruit to Thy praise; and so graft us into the same, that we may truly serve and please Thee, and come at last with all Thy saints to glory everlasting.

Our Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V.

For Evening.

O GOD, Who art without beginning and without end, the Maker and Ruler of all things visible and invisible, Who gavest the day for work and the night for rest: Accept our evening thanksgiving for Thy unceasing goodness and mercy, and be pleased also to protect and keep us during the watches of this night. Give Thine angels charge concerning us, that no harm or danger may come to us. Forgive wherein we this day have failed in our duties, and purge away from us all sin, that in full assurance of faith we may peacefully resign ourselves into the arms of Thy love, that our lying down and our rising up may be in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS with us, O Lord, all for whom we should pray. Send forth Thy help and consolations to the sick and sorrowing. Hear and bless all who call upon Thee, and send forth Thy saving truth to all people, that from the rising to the setting of the sun Thy Name may be known and honored, and those in the darkness of sin brought to repentance and eternal life.

Blessed Saviour, Who didst give Thyself to the sleep of death that we might live: Grant that, while our bodies sleep, our souls may be awake to Thee, and behold Thee at last in that better and

heavenly country, where, with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest for ever. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

VI.

For Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of all good, Whose mercy endureth from generation to generation: Look favorably upon us, Thine unworthy servants, and give ear to the sighs and prayers of Thy Children everywhere. Pardon wherein we have this day sinned against Thee in thought, word, or deed, and for Christ's sake lay it not to our charge.

Give us grace truly to believe Thy Word, and always to live according to it.

Let Thy Church be ever precious in thy sight, and further it by Thy continual help.

Protect and bless all Christian rulers, and sustain and prosper our country, and the government under

which we live. Make firm the bonds of unity and peace, that we may ever abide in safety.

Give counsel and effect to all efforts of Thy servants for the upbuilding and promotion of Thy Kingdom on earth.

Sanctify us, O Lord, by Thy truth, and have us always in Thy holy Keeping, when we sleep and when we wake.

Let Thy favor and blessing be upon as we now retire for the night. Grant that we may rest in peace, and be refreshed for new life to Thy praise and our everlasting good.

We ask all in the Name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath taught us to say,

Our Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

VII.

Special Collects and Prayers.

From these Collects selections may be made as circumstances require, adding the selections to other Prayers, or making up the entire prayer from them.

For Christmas Time or Holy Week.

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks, that of Thy great goodness and mercy, Thou didst suffer Thine Only-Begotten Son to become Incarnate, and to Redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may evermore yield Thee unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation, through the same, Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For New Year.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Whose years fail not, and Whose mercies are everlasting: Grant us grace to spend this new year in Thy fear and service, according to Thy good pleasure, that in health and prosperity we may live, and come at last into Thy everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Family.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Defence and Protection of all who trust in Thee: Be pleased to bless and keep our household, that it may abide in health and peace; and mercifully incline us all to seek Thee with our whole heart, and to serve Thee with willing mind, that Thy

favor may ever abide upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When About to be Separated.

O Lord, ever present in every place: Let Thy blessing be upon us now, and abide with those who go and with those who stay, that, separated in body, we may be joined in spirit, and find in Thee our preserver from all harm, and our everlasting salvation. *Amen.*

For the Wretched and Friendless.

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who didst give Thy blood and sorrows for the peace of men: Deny not Thy bowels of compassion to the friendless and miserable, but comfort and relieve them in body and in soul, for Thine infinite mercy's sake. *Amen.*

In Time of Calamity and Peril.

HEAR US, O Lord, from Thy holy hill when we cry to Thee from the depths into which our sins have brought us, and be Thou our Rock and our Defence, that no kind of tempest or ill may overthrow us, and no violence of adversaries destroy us. Preserve us, O Lord from all snares of death, that, being delivered from our afflictions, we may ever thank, serve, and honor Thee. *Amen.*

In Times of Sickness.

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father: We, Thine erring children, humbly confess unto Thee, that we have justly deserved the chastening which Thou art sending upon us; but we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless goodness, to grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive us our sins and trespasses, to remove from us our merited affliction, and to strengthen us by Thy grace that we may be submissive to Thy will as obedient children, and bear our trials in patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of One Seriously Ill.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, if accordant to Thy will, to stay this sickness, that it may not be unto death. O Thou Who of old didst heal all manner of sickness and disease, speak the word only and Thy servant shall live. And if Thou orderest otherwise, grant mercy and grace for every need. *Amen.*

PRESERVE, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, blotting out all sin by Thy merciful forgiveness, that *he* may be loosed from every bond of condemnation, and be fitted by the plenitude of Thy grace for a peaceful departure when Thou callest *him* hence. Amen.

In Behalf of One Dying.

O LORD JESUS, Thou Who alone art the door to eternal life, through which whosoever entereth shall be saved: We earnestly beseech Thee to open this door of salvation to this dying one, and speedily deliver *him* out of all anguish. Help, O Lord, that *he* may not go astray, nor suffer harm in passing through the valley and shadow of death. Receive *him*, O Thou faithful Shepherd, into Thy heavenly fold. *Amen.*

In Case of Death.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory: Grant us grace at all times to submit ourselves to Thy holy will, to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end, and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of Friends and Relatives.

O LORD, our Creator and Redeemer: Visit with Thy merciful goodness all who are joined to us by blood, family or friendship, all who are near and dear to us, all who desire remembrance in our prayers, and all Thy faithful people; deliver them,

we pray thee, from all evil, preserve them in all good, and bring them to everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of the Erring and Sinful.

GOD of all heavenly powers; Be merciful to the world that lieth in falsehood and sin, that the hearts of the rebellious may be subdued to the truth of the Gospel, that the souls deceived by Satan may be rescued from their aberrations, that all heretical perverseness may be driven away from among Thy professing people, and that all wanderers from right ways may come to repentance, and be brought back to Thy true fold; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of the Church.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, look kindly, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church in its many wants and necessities, and pour out upon its ministers and members the healthful Spirit of Thy grace. Bless and prosper all its institutions; preserve it in unity and true faith; and further it with Thy continual help, that all error and schism may be done away, that sinners may be converted unto Thee, and that Thy people may grow in grace and in all good works, and ever rejoice in Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of Missions.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who through Thy Son our Saviour hast given command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: Regard in mercy the efforts of Thy servants to spread Thy holy truth, to gather the scattered sheep of Thy flock, and to extend the light of Thy Gospel into the dark places of the earth.

Bless all missionaries of the Cross, at home and abroad, and open to them great and effectual doors, that Thy Name may be known and honored in all lands, and the earth filled with Thy praise.

Kindle in our hearts true zeal for Thy glory, and true love for souls that know Thee not. Help us to be faithful in our stewardship of what Thou hast committed to us, and give to us, and to all Thy believing people, the Spirit of zeal and self-sacrifice for Thy kingdom; and so dispose our hearts and doings that we may rightly fulfill our mission in this world, and be accepted of Thee in the great day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving.

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, from Whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, and Who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil: Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging

with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore praise Thy loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Answer to Prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world Knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

A Few Songs of Consolation.

COMFORT IN CHRIST.

ART thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distressed?
"Come to Me," saith One, "And coming
Be at rest."

Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my guide?
"In His feet and hands are wound-prints,
And His side."

Is there diadem, as Monarch,
That His brow adorns?
"Yea, a crown in very surety,
But of thorns."

If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
"Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away."

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless?
Saints, Apostles. Prophets, Martyrs,
Answer "Yes."

RESTING IN THE SAVIOUR'S MERITS.

HOLY Father, from Thy Throne
Hear Thy humble suppliant's moan,
Yea, though wrath be all my meed,
Break not Thou the bruised reed:
Let the bitter Agony
Of my Saviour plead for me.

From that Fount of grace and might
Nerve me 'gainst the powers of night;
Grant a child's reposing faith,
Thine to be in life and death:
Let the bitter Agony
Of my Saviour plead for me.

JOY IN SALVATION.

THERE is a stream whose waters rise,
Amidst the hills of Paradise,
Where foot of mortal never trod,
Proceeding from the throne of God:
What, then, is sickness, pain, and strife,
So I but reach that Spring of Life!

There is a Rock, that, nigh at hand,
Gives shadow in a weary land;
Glad waters gushing from its breast
Refresh with everlasting rest:
Hid in its clefts till life is o'er,
My Peace abides for evermore.

HELP IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST.

CHRIST, who didst for sinners suffer,
In Thy perfect innocence;
By Thine Agony and Passion,
Grant me refuge and defence.

By the cords which bound Thee closely,
Closer bind my heart to Thee;
By the stripes that scourged Thee sharply,
School me into purity.

By the crown of thorns Thou worest,
Pierce my heart with penitence;
By the sceptre-reed Thou borest,
Govern all my thought and sense.

By Thine unjust condemnation,
Spare me in the Judgment Day;
By Thy road to Crucifixion,
Lead me in the narrow way.

By Thine awful crucifying,
Nail upon Thy Cross my pride;
By the pain of Thy uplifting,
Draw me ever to Thy side.

By Thy yielding up Thy spirit,
Grant that I to guilt may die;
By the stream of Blood and Water,
My uncleanness purify.

Thus, in all my tribulation,
  Following all Thy steps of woe,
May I reach Thy full salvation,
  And Thy joys eternal know.

THE HEART GIVEN TO JESUS.

MY heart I give to Thee for aye,
  O Jesus, sweetest, best;
Thy heart to me give Thou, I pray,
    O Jesus, loveliest.
My heart and soul Thou dost require;
To Thee my heart and soul aspire.
Help me love Thee, as Thou lov'st me,
O Jesus, Fount of Charity.

For me Thy heart is open wide,
    Blest entrance there I find;
O Lord, my heart within Thine hide,
    My spirit to Thine bind.
Thyself, my Saviour, Thou did'st give,
And shed Thy Blood that I might live;
Help me love Thee, as Thou lov'st me,
O Jesus, Fount of Charity.

LEANING ON GOD.

THE clouds of sorrow rest upon mine eyes,
  Grieving and faint, I yearn to see the day;
O Sun of Righteousness, in glory rise,
  And drive the night of trouble far away.

The tempest gathers round me in its rage,
And wildly surge the foaming waves of ill;
Come quickly, Lord, who canst their wrath assuage,
And speak Thy words of power—"Peace, be still."

My days are like a shadow quickly past,
The strength of youth abides not long in me;
O Might Eternal, come Thou at the last,
And bear me to the better life with Thee.

VICTORY IN THE LIVING CHRIST.

JESUS lives! no longer now
Can Thy terrors, Death, appall me;
Jesus lives! by this I know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall me.

Jesus lives! for me He died,
Hence to Him I'm ever living;
Heart and Hope in Him abide,
Glory to my Saviour giving.

Jesus lives! my soul knows well.
Nought me from His love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
From His hand shall pluck me ever.

Jesus lives! to Him the Throne
High o'er all things now is given:
I shall go where He has gone,
Rest and reign with Him in heaven.

THE SURE HOPE.

MY Jesus is gone up on high
To found a home for me;
For 'tis His will, that where He is,
There shall His servant be.

Canaan I view from Pisgah's top,
Of Canaan's grapes I taste:
My Lord, who sends me grace on earth,
Will send for me at last.

I have a God that changeth not;
Why should I be perplexed?
That God, who owns me in this world,
Will own me in the next.

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